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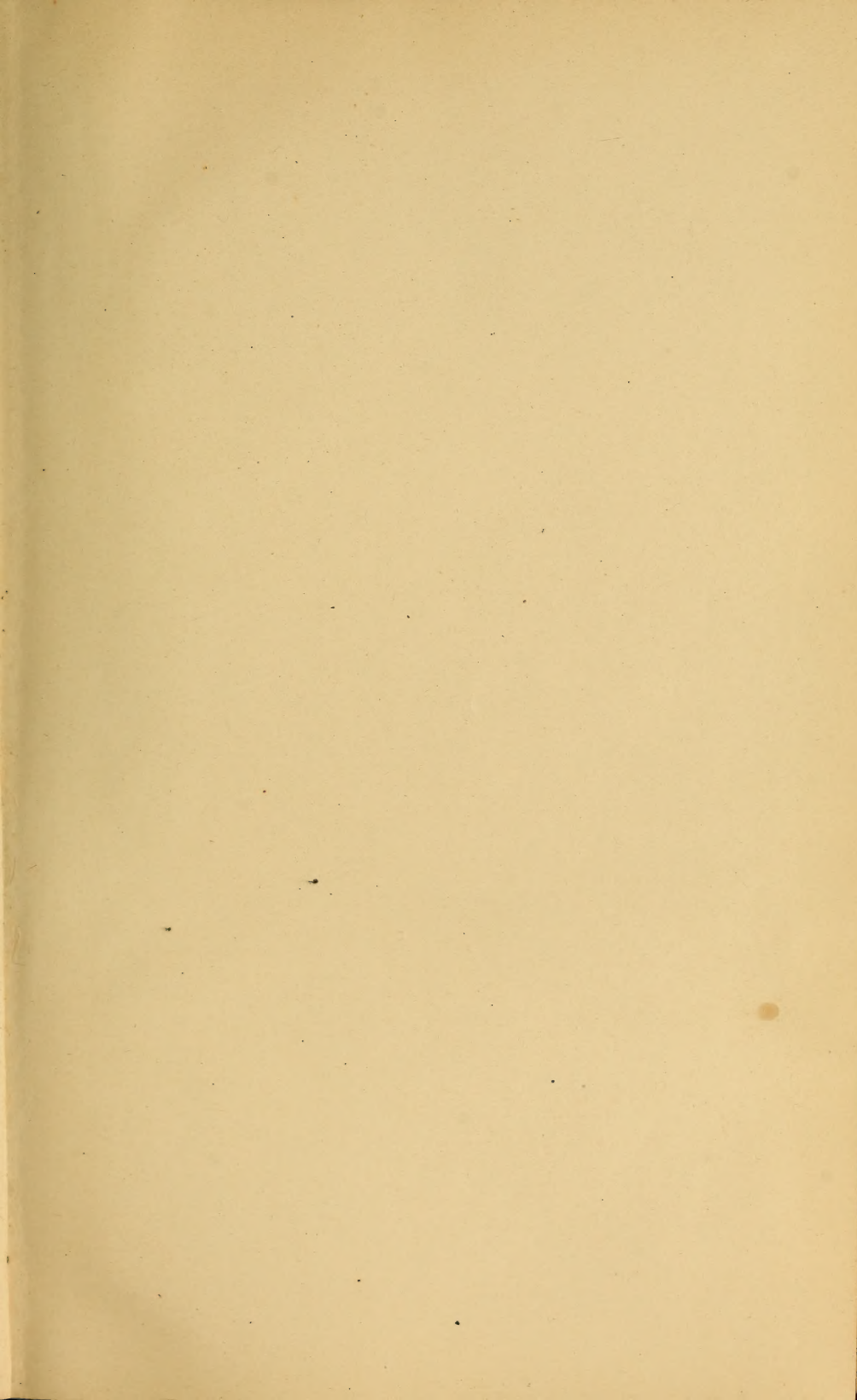
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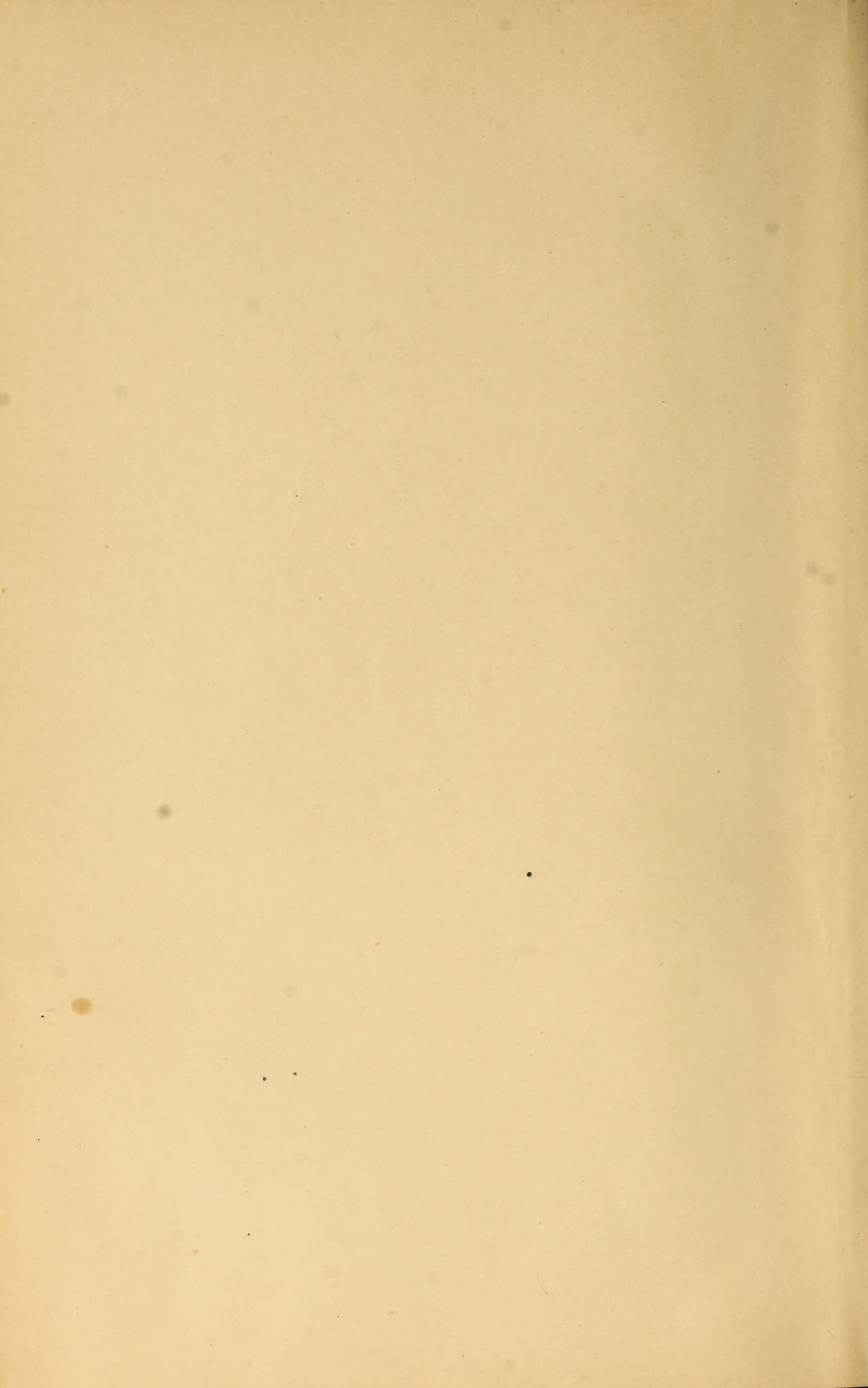
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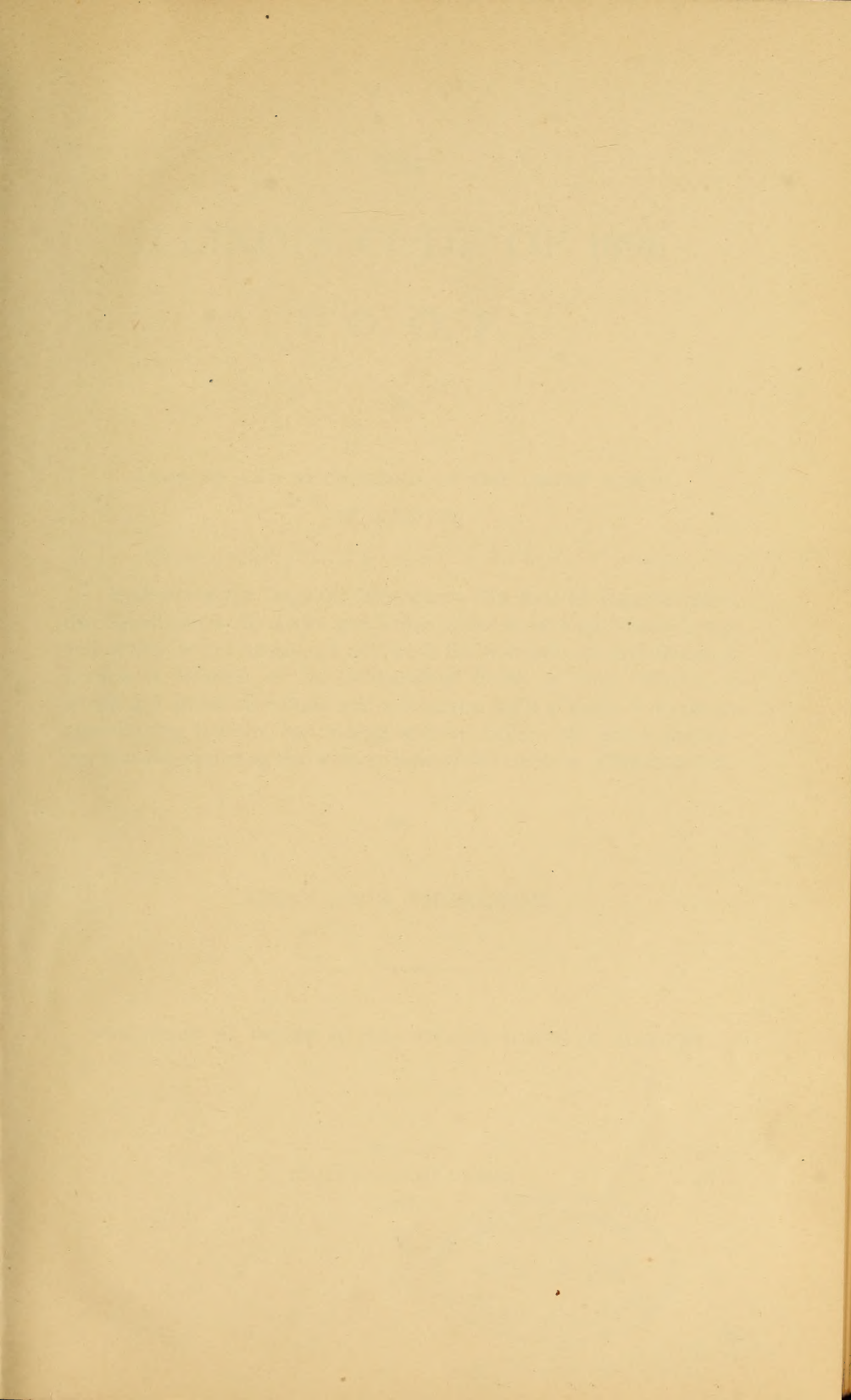
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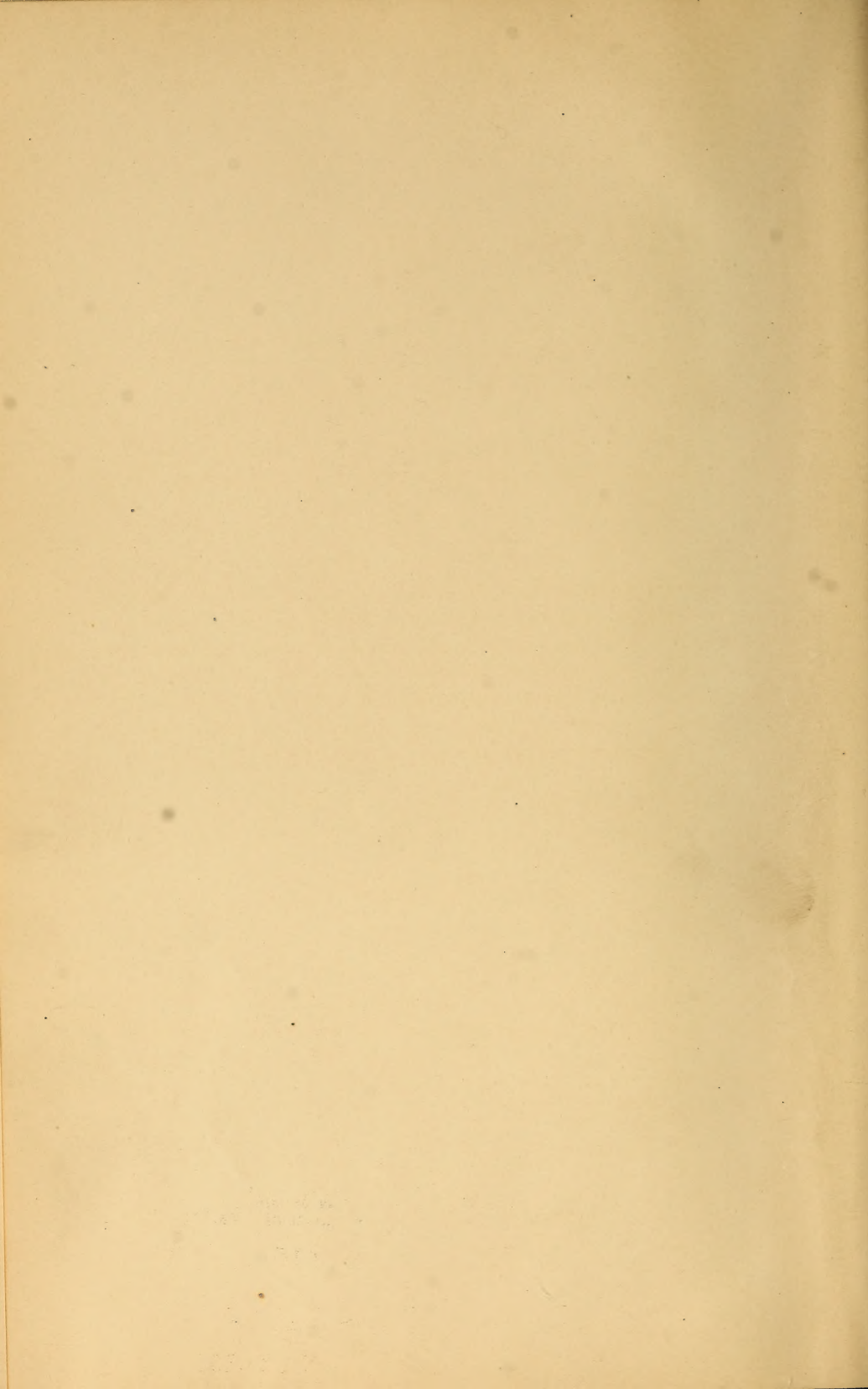
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OF ILLINOIS.

Odd Fellows, Independent Order of, Illinois, Grand Lodge

Embracing the Organic Documents, the Acts of Incorporation, the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge, as well as of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Illinois, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to which are added decisions and references, with a Table of Contents appertaining thereto, concluding with an Index; the whole displaying and exemplifying the written laws of the Order in Illinois to date.

BY

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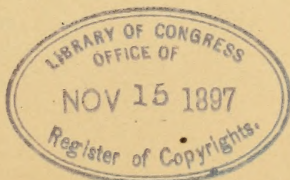
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THIS WORK HAS BEEN
ADOPTED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE GRAND LODGE
OF ILLINOIS,

As follows, that is to say:

Resolved, That, the Illinois Code of 1896, compiled by Charles S. Thornton, the said Code including the legislation of this session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the law of this jurisdiction; and that all previous laws, decisions and precedents not therein included, be, and are hereby, declared to be of no force and effect; and that the said Code, from and after this date, be recognized and cited as the law of this jurisdiction in all matters enacted and decided by this Grand Lodge up to this time.

E. S. CONWAY,
CICERO J. LINDLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
J. O. HUMPHREY,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

I hereby certify that I have examined and approved the Code above referred to, and recommend the adoption of the above resolution.

C. F. MANSFIELD, Grand Master, 1895-96.

The above resolution was duly presented and adopted unanimously by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session held at Springfield in November, 1896.

JAMES R. MILLER, Grand Secretary.



PREFACE.

I N presenting this work to the members of the Order, I desire to give expression to the hope, not alone that it may be of service to the membership, but, that it may be found, after the most careful scrutiny, to be free from serious errors. Upon my part, nothing has been left undone which could contribute even in the slightest manner to the highest degree of accuracy. I wish to acknowledge my great obligation to those who have rendered most valuable assistance in advising in the undertaking. I am under obligation to brother James R. Miller, the present efficient Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for his prompt and ready assistance in procuring and furnishing the necessary books, pamphlets, memoranda and forms, for which, from time to time I have been obliged to make requisition; to the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals: brothers Geo. S. Howard, R. W. S. Wheatley, Wm. Schuchert, Henry Phillips and Clark B. Samson, who have carefully inspected and corrected the original proof of that portion of the work relating to offenses, and especially to brother Clark B. Samson, Chairman of that Committee; to brother E. S. Conway, Grand Representative, who carefully scrutinized and made many valuable suggestions as to that part of the work which is included in the first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh chapters; to brother Henry A. Stone, P. G. M. and sister Mrs. H. A. Stone, President of the Rebekah State Assembly, and to brother Chas. J. Shutt, P. G. Chap., who carefully revised that portion of the work relating to the Degree of Rebekah. I wish particularly to return acknowledgment to brother Charles F. Mansfield, P. G. M., and to brothers Dr. J. R. Kewley, P. G. C. and George C. Rankin, G. M., for their valuable assistance in making a thorough scrutiny of the entire work, suggesting corrections therein, and for their advice relating to its form, contents and publication.

CHAS. S. THORNTON.

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USED IN THE

ILLINOIS CODE OF 1896, I. O. O. F.

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A.	Assembly.
A. T. P. W.	Annual Traveling Password.
Art.	Article.
B.-L.	By-Laws.
C.	Code. Willard, 1881.
Const.	Constitution.
C. R. L. or R. L. C.	Const. Rebekah Lodge.
Dig.	Digest of 1847.
D. R.	Degree of Rebekah. (R. C., Sec. 27, Sec. 451, p. 116, <i>infra</i> .)
E.	Encampment.
G.	Grand.
G. E.	Grand Encampment.
G. L.	Grand Lodge.
G. L. B.-L.	Grand Lodge By-Laws.
G. L. R. O.	Grand Lodge Rules of Order.
G. M.	Grand Master.
G. R.	Grand Representative
G. S.	Grand Secretary.
G. Sire.	Grand Sire.
G. T.	Grand Treasurer.
Ill. B. L.	By-Laws of G. L. of Ill.

¹ Ill. Code, Sec. 962, *infra*.

Ill. Code.	Ill. Code of 1896. Thornton.—Ill. C., if followed by a number only or Section is a reference to the Illinois Code; if it be followed by Art. or Article with or without Section, it is a reference to the Illinois Constitution or Constitution of the G. L. of Ill.
Ill. Const.	Constitution of G. L. of Ill.
Ill. J.	Journal of the proceedings of G. L. of Ill.
I. O. O. F.	Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
Ill. R. O.	Rules of Order of G. L. See G. L. R. O.
<i>Infra.</i>	Beyond or following.
N.	Non-payment.
N. Dig.	White's New Digest, 1895.
N. G.	Noble Grand.
N. P. D.	Non-payment of dues.
O. or o-b-n.	Obligation.
P.	Past.
P. G.	Past Grand.
P. O.	Past Officer.
P. V. G.	Past Vice Grand.
P. W.	Password.
R.	Rebekah.
R. A. or R. S. A.	Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois.
Ill. R. A. C. or R. A. Const.	Constitution of Rebekah Assembly of Illinois.
R. A. J.	Journal of the proceedings of Rebekah Assembly of Ill.
R. B.-L.	Model By-Laws for Rebekah Lodges.
R. C.	Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges, S. J., 14010-14014.—R. C. is sometimes used for Rebekah Constitution or Constitution of Rebekah Lodge. If it be followed with Art. or Art. — or Sec. — it refers to Rebekah Constitution, otherwise it refers to the Rebekah Code.
R. L.	Rebekah Lodge.
R. L. C. or C. R. L.	Constitution for Rebekah Lodge of Ill.
R. O.	Rules of Order.
R. or Rep.	Representative.
S.	Secretary.
S. A. P. W.	Semi-annual Password.
S. B.-L.	Sovereign By-Laws.
S. C.	Constitution of Sovereign Grand Lodge.
S. Const.	
Sov. C.	
Sec. or §.	Section.
Sub. L. or S. L.	Subordinate Lodge.

S. G. L.	Sovereign Grand Lodge.
S. J.	Journal of the proceedings of S. G. L.
S. L. R. O.	Subordinate Lodge Rules of Order.
Sub.	Subordinate.
Sub. B.-L.	Model By-Laws for the Subordinate Lodges.
Sub. C. or S. L. C.	Constitution of Subordinate Lodge.
<i>Supra.</i>	Before or above—preceding.
Sov. or S.	Sovereign.
T.	Treasurer.
V.	Vice.
W.	Word.
W. D.	White's Digest, 1889.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTION

THE CODE AND LAWS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP GENERALLY.

SECTION 1.—Adopted and Authorized.

- " 2.—The Laws of Odd Fellowship—The Digest of the Laws of the I. O. O. F. adopted and published by order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its session of 1847.
- " 3.—The Rituals.
- " 4.—The unpublished or private journals, exhibits and records of the S. G. L.
- " 5.—The Journals of the S. G. L.
- " 6.—The Journals of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
- " 7.—The Codes.
- " 8.—White's Digest.
- " 9.—Repeal and Annulment.
- " 10.—The General Laws appertaining to the Order in Illinois.
- " 11.—The General Laws appertaining to the Rebekah Degree in Illinois.

1. Adopted and Authorized.—At the session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, held at Springfield in November, 1896, the Committee on the Revision of the Code, and the Grand Master made the following report, which was adopted unanimously:

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Code would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of the examination and approval of the Illinois Code, which has been in course of compilation during the past seven months by Bro. Charles S. Thornton:

That they have examined and have approved the said Code as prepared and submitted, and with reference thereto your Committee recommend the adoption by this Grand Lodge of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Illinois Code of 1896, compiled by Charles S. Thornton, the said Code including the legislation of this session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be and the same is hereby adopted as the law of this jurisdiction; and that all previous laws, decisions and precedents not therein included be and are hereby declared to be of no force and effect; and that the said Code from and after this date be recognized and cited as the law of this jurisdiction in all matters enacted and decided by this Grand Lodge up to this time.

E. S. CONWAY,
CICERO J. LINDLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
J. O. HUMPHREY,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

I certify that I have examined and approved the Code above referred to, and recommend the adoption of the above resolution.

C. F. MANSFIELD, Grand Master.

The said resolution was then presented and adopted unanimously by the Grand Lodge at said session."¹

2. The Laws of Odd Fellowship.—The Laws of Odd Fellowship are to be found in many publications, etc. The Digest of the Laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, prepared by James L. Ridgeley, Howell Hopkins, Robert H. Griffin and William E. Parmenter, was early adopted and published by order of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its session of 1847 as the law of the Order. This work is of primary importance.

3. The Rituals contain the written portion of the secret work prepared and published by the Sovereign Grand Lodge

4. The Unpublished or Private Journals, exhibits and records of the Sovereign Grand Lodge contain what is termed the "unwritten" part of the secret work.

5. The Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as published, with pages consecutively numbered, irrespective of sessions or volumes, contain the Constitutions, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and Amendments thereto; Forms and

¹ Ill. J. (1896), 339, 340.

Ceremonies; General Forms for use in the work of the Order; Decisions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of its officers; Reports of the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; Laws of general application not parts of the secret work, and statements showing the condition and progress of the Order. Said Journals also contain records of the several sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and are numbered and paged respectively, as follows, viz.:

Vol.	I.	Sessions from 1821 to 1846 incl.	Pages	1 to	972 incl.
"	II.	" " 1847 " 1852 "	"	1007 "	1096 "
"	III.	" " 1853 " 1857 "	"	1981 "	2832 "
"	IV.	" " 1858 " 1862 "	"	2849 "	3506 "
"	V.	" " 1863 " 1867 "	"	3507 "	4228 "
"	VI.	" " 1868 " 1870 "	"	4231 "	4938 "
"	VII.	" " 1871 " 1873 "	"	4965 "	5967 "
"	VIII.	" of 1874 and 1875	"	5971 "	6733 "
"	IX.	" from 1876 to 1878 "	"	6737 "	7900 "
"	X.	" " 1879 " 1881 "	"	7903 "	8826 "
"	XI.	" " 1882 " 1884 "	"	8829 "	9846 "
"	XII.	" of 1885 and 1886	"	9849 "	10696 "
"	XIII.	" " 1887 " 1888	"	10699 "	11468 "
"	XIV.	" " 1889 " 1890	"	11471 "	12338 "
"	XV.	" " 1891 " 1892	"	12341 "	13235 "
"	XVI.	" " 1893 " 1894	"	13239 "	14226 "
"	XVII.	" " 1895 " 1896	"	14229 "	15151 "

6. The Journals.—Next come the Journals of the several Subordinate Jurisdictions. The Journals of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with which we have to do, contain a record of all legislation by said Grand Body. The paging is not consecutive from one volume to another, as in the Journals of the S. G. L. The volumes are numbered with reference to the several sessions of the Grand Lodge as follows, viz.:

Vol.	I.	Sessions from 1838 to 1852 inclusive.
"	II.	" " 1853 " 1857 "
"	III.	" " 1858 " 1865 "
"	IV.	" " 1866 " 1870 "
"	V.	" " 1871 " 1875 "
"	VI.	" " 1876 " 1880 "
"	VII.	" " 1881 " 1885 "
"	VIII.	" " 1886 " 1890 "
"	IX.	" " 1891 " 1894 "
"	X.	" of 1895 and 1896

7. Codes have been adopted by some Subordinate Jurisdictions. In Illinois two Codes have been authorized, the first entitled the "Code of the Laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for Illinois," compiled by Samuel Willard. This was adopted by the

Grand Lodge of Illinois at its session of 1881 (Vol. VII, p. 115), as the law of the jurisdiction; the second, entitled "Illinois Code of 1896," compiled by Charles S. Thornton (Ill. J., 1896, p. 340), which is this work.¹

8. White's Digest.—This has been held to be a mere compilation, and the question as to whether any decision by the Sovereign Grand Lodge is law or not, does not at all depend upon the fact whether it is or is not to be found therein.²

9. Repeal and Annulment.—The resolution (Section 1), it will be observed, not only establishes this Code, but it also annuls and repeals all previous laws, decisions and precedents not included in it.

10. The General Laws appertaining to the Order within the jurisdiction of Illinois, consist, respectively, in the Constitutions, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the State Grand Lodges, of the Subordinate Lodges under them, and Decisions of General Application and General Enactments of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the State Grand Lodge.

11. The General Laws appertaining to the Rebekah Degree within this jurisdiction.—They consist, respectively, in the Rebekah Code, the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Rebekah State Assemblies, in the prescribed Constitution for Rebekah Lodges, and in the Decisions and Enactments of General Application pertaining to the Rebekah Branch of the Order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

¹ See Sec. 1, *supra*.

² S. J., 5931, 5952.

CHAPTER II.

THE LAW OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

LAWS, JOURNALS, CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS, RULES OF ORDER AND LEGISLATION GENERALLY.

- (1.) Journals, Constitutions, Repeals.
- (2.) Amendments.
- (3.) Subordinate Constitutions and By-Laws.
- (4.) Legislation Generally.
- (5.) Rebekah Branch.

SECTION 12.—Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

“ 13.—Distribution of same.

“ 14.—Journals of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

“ 15.—Publication.

“ 16.—Distribution of same.

“ 17.—Constitution and By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Supreme Law.

“ 18.—Former inconsistent laws repealed.

12. Journals of the S. G. L.—A Journal of its proceedings shall be kept and published annually, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.¹

13. Distribution of Journal.—Each State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges, and twenty-five per cent. more to be distributed among its Subordinates, and one-half of such number, but not less than fifteen copies, for its own use. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner; and each Lodge or Encampment working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual session of this Grand Lodge.²

14. Journals of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.—The Grand Secretary (of the Grand Lodge of Illinois) shall record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge (of Illinois) and send to the Subordinates printed copies thereof.³

¹ S. C., Art. XIII, Sec. 4.

² S. J., 12673, 12708.

S. C. By-Laws, Art. XVIII.

³ Ill. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 5.

15. Publication.—The various matters contained in the printed Journals of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge (of Illinois) as published and distributed by the Grand Secretary are declared legally and sufficiently made known to the several Subordinate Lodges from and after the distribution of the Journals.¹

16. Distribution of Journal.—The rule of the distribution of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois is this: five copies to each of the elective officers; one copy to each appointed officer, to each member of a committee and to each representative to this Grand Lodge; one copy to each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary to supply any further demand, so far as practicable, at the rate of fifty cents per copy. Each Lodge is also entitled to one copy of the annual Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.²

17. Constitution, By-Laws and Amendments of the S. G. L. Supreme Law.—This Constitution (of the S. G. L.) and the By-Laws which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the Supreme Law of the Order, and be binding upon the State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.³

18. Former inconsistent laws repealed.—All former laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of these general laws (the Constitution and By-Laws of the S. G. L.) are hereby repealed. Adopted 1854.⁴

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 19.—Amendments to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

“ 20.—Proposed amendment must be set forth at length.

“ 21.—Proposed amendments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution may not be amended at the time of consideration.

“ 22.—Failure of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to act on such amendment.

“ 23.—Reconsideration allowed at any time during same session.

“ 24.—Amendment, when in force.

“ 25.—Adoption, effect of.

“ 26.—Law, Sovereign Grand Lodge may suspend.

“ 27.—By-Laws and Amendments.

“ 28.—How By-Laws must be amended.

“ 29.—Grand Sire cannot set aside a By-Law.

“ 30.—Proposed By-Law of Sovereign Grand Lodge may be amended.

“ 31.—Proposed amendment to the By-Laws must lay on the table, etc.

“ 32.—Resolution does not repeal By-Laws.

“ 33.—Subordinate Lodges under jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge may adopt Constitution.

“ 34.—Constitutions must be approved.

“ 35.—In amending, constitutional requirements must be observed.

“ 36.—Amendments to Grand Lodge Constitution, when acted upon.

“ 37.—A revised is an amended Constitution.

¹ C., 1040.

³ S. C., Art. XX.

² C. 1041, Ill. J., 141, 232, Session of 1895.

⁴ S. B. L. XXXI.

19. Amendments to the Constitution of the S. G. L.—This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor made in writing at a regular annual communication by one or more representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular annual communication. At the next regular annual communication, after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become a part of the Constitution. ¹

20. Proposed Amendment must be set forth at length.—When an amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of the S. G. L. is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted. ²

21. Proposed amendment to the S. G. L. Constitution may not be amended at time of consideration.—Upon the consideration of an amendment to the Constitution in the S. G. L. it is not in order to amend such amendment. ³

22. The failure of the S. G. L. to act upon a proposed amendment at the session next succeeding that after such amendment is proposed by a vote thereon, is not a refusal to adopt such amendment, but the same may be acted upon at a subsequent session. ⁴

23. Reconsideration allowed any time during the session.—A motion to reconsider the vote by which a proposed amendment to the Constitution was decided may be made at any time during the same session of the S. G. L. ⁵

24. Amendment, when in force.—An amendment to the Constitution goes into effect as soon as it has been adopted. ⁶

25. Adoption, effect of.—After the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the S. G. L., any law necessary to carry that law into effect, although at variance with another provision of the Constitution, may be considered as a law and not as a constitutional amendment. The amendment having been made presupposes further action in the way of law. ⁷

26. The S. G. L. may suspend a law defining the manner and form of carrying into effect a constitutional provision. ⁸

¹ S. C., Art. XXI.

² S. J., 7424.

³ S. J., 8420.

⁴ S. J., 4171, 4172.

⁵ S. J., 416.

⁶ S. J., 7890.

⁷ S. J., 1498.

⁸ S. J., 3948, 3951.

27. By-Laws and amendments thereto. By-Laws in conformity with this Constitution¹ may be made which shall not be altered or amended unless such amendment be proposed at a stated annual communication, and acted upon at the same session, but not on the day on which it is offered, and adopted by two-thirds of the votes given.²

28. How By-Laws must be amended.—No resolution, order or other action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall operate to change, alter or amend any of these By-Laws, unless said resolution, order or other action shall, upon its face, and by its terms, assume to make such change, alteration or amendment, and shall state distinctly the particular By-Law to be affected.³

29. Grand Sire cannot set aside a By-Law.—A By-Law of the S. G. L. cannot be superseded or set aside by a decision of the Grand Sire, even though such decision is approved by the S. G. L.⁴

30. Proposed By-Law of S. G. L. may be amended.—A proposed By-Law when brought before the S. G. L. for action may be amended.⁵

31. A proposed amendment to the By-Laws must lay on the table one day prior to action thereon.⁶

32. Resolution does not repeal By-Laws.—A By-Law cannot be repealed or changed by a resolution.⁷

33. Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the S. G. L. may adopt a Constitution subject to the approval of the S. G. L. or may act directly under the general laws prescribed by the S. G. L., as they may elect. Subordinates in State jurisdictions hold the same relations to State Grand Lodges and the latter to them, exercising legislative powers so far only as may be necessary for the limited sphere in which they act. A State Grand Lodge may prescribe a uniform Constitution for the government of its Subordinates, the same to be subject to the approval of the S. G. L.⁸

34. Constitutions must be approved.—The Constitution or amendments of each Grand Lodge or Encampment, heretofore or hereafter chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its or their adoption shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its or their approval if it shall be then in session; but if not then in session, then to the Grand Sire, who, during such recess, shall be fully

¹ (of the S. G. L.)

² S. C., Art. XIX.

³ S. B. L., Art. XXX

⁴ S. J., 4841, 4870.

⁵ S. J., 670.

⁶ S. J., 1768.

⁷ S. J., 6568, 6630.

⁸ S. J., 1235.

authorized to act on, approve or reject such Constitution or amendments in the same manner as this Grand Lodge could, were it in session, subject to the subsequent final approval of this Grand Lodge. ¹

35. In amending, constitutional requirements must be observed.—The Constitution of a State Grand Body can only be amended in the manner prescribed by the Constitution itself. ²

36. All amendments to Grand Lodge Constitutions must be acted upon at the subsequent session, as presented at the preceding session of a Grand Lodge. ³

37. A revised is an amended Constitution and must be passed as an amendment. When a Constitution of a State Grand Body has been revised, by a committee appointed for that purpose, and sundry amendments made thereto, the revised instrument comes under the requirements of the old one in force. ⁴

SUBORDINATE CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS.

SECTION 33.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge has not power to direct State Grand Bodies how to frame Subordinate Constitutions, except that they shall not be in conflict with Sovereign Grand Lodge enactments.

- “ 39.—Supervisory power of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
- “ 40.—Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
- “ 41.—Two-thirds vote necessary to adopt amendment to the Constitution.
- “ 42.—Amendment to By-Laws of Illinois must be submitted in writing as it would read if amended.
- “ 43.—Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.
- “ 44.—Uniformity of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges prescribed.
- “ 45.—When doubts arise of true meaning.
- “ 46.—Questions of construction are determined, how.
- “ 47.—Subordinate Lodges of Illinois invested with power to adopt By-Laws and Rules of Order; cannot be suspended or altered.
- “ 48.—Constitution and not By-Law the proper place to incorporate fundamental provisions.
- “ 49.—A Grand Body may adopt a uniform system of Constitutions.
- “ 50.—Grand Body may not amend Subordinate Constitutions so as to conflict with its own Constitution.
- “ 51.—A By-Law cannot be suspended on motion.
- “ 52.—Time when By-Laws take effect, if the State Grand Body so requires, approval necessary.
- “ 53.—Supervision and approval of By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges belong to State Grand Lodges.
- “ 54.—Subordinates have a right to make By-Laws for their internal government.
- “ 55.—No Subordinate can work constitutionally until its Constitution and By-Laws are approved.

¹ S. J., 14091, 14146. S. B. L., Art. IX. ³ S. J., 14533, 14566.

² S. J., 3252, 3267, 5804, 5945, 5953, 6250, 6323.

⁴ S. J., 12625, 12684.

SECTION 56.—By-Laws and amendments thereto of Subordinate Lodges must be sent to Grand Secretary.

- “ 57.—A Grand Master has not the power of approving the By-Laws of a Lodge.
- “ 58.—The By-Laws of a Lodge must not contain superfluities.
- “ 59.—Pending amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws cannot be amended when under consideration.
- “ 60.—Local law of Illinois permits amendments.
- “ 61.—If no By-Laws are in force the Lodge may adopt.
- “ 62.—Reconsideration, when Lodge has adopted By-Laws.
- “ 63.—Tacit consent cannot confer power.
- “ 64.—Special prohibitions as to the subject of By-Laws.
- “ 65.—When Constitution directs provision to be made by the By-Laws, the latter must guide.

38. The S. G. L. has not power to direct State Grand Bodies how to frame their Subordinate Constitutions, except that such Constitutions shall not be in conflict with the general law as established by the S. G. L. ¹

39. Supervisory power of S. G. L. The S. G. L. has power, however, to direct any Grand Lodge to remove any clause or article from its Constitution or By-Laws which may conflict with the fundamental laws of the Order, even though said Constitution or By-Laws may have been approved by the S. G. L. ²

40. Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.—This Constitution shall be altered or amended only by a proposition therefor in writing, submitted at an annual session, which proposition shall set forth the section to be altered or amended, as it would read if amended or altered. The proposition shall be entered at length on the Journal, and shall not be acted upon until the next annual session, when it may be considered and perfected by amendments and adopted. But if by changes in legislation or otherwise any part of this Constitution shall be found to be contrary to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such part may, without previous notice, be stricken out or amended to conform to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ³

41. Two-thirds of all votes cast shall be necessary to adopt an amendment to this Constitution (of the G. L. of Ill.), and the vote shall be taken of the members present by division and count, unless the vote by Lodges be called, in which case the vote shall be according to Art. VII, Section 4, of this Constitution. ⁴

42. These By-Laws (of the Grand Lodge of Illinois) shall not be amended unless the section proposed to be amended shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, as it would read if amended as proposed. The proposed amendment shall be read twice at

¹ S. J., 14430, 14461.

² S. J., 1090.

³ Ill. Const., Art. X, Sec. 1.

⁴ Ill. Const., Art. X, Sec. 2.

length, and upon the second reading may be put upon its passage, when, if it shall receive a number of votes equal to a majority of all the representatives elected to the Grand Lodge, it shall be considered adopted. A proposition to repeal a section or other part of the By-Laws shall be made in writing and shall set forth in full the section or other part proposed to be repealed, which proposition shall be read twice at length; and on its second reading may be put upon its passage. If it shall receive a number of votes equal to a majority of all the representatives elected to the Grand Lodge, it shall be considered adopted. ¹

43. Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.—

These Articles (the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges), or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled except on motion made in the Grand Lodge at a regular session in writing, and such motion shall not be finally acted upon on the day of its presentation. ²

44. The Constitution of Subordinates is uniform in Illinois,

and prescribed by the Grand Lodge. Lodges may not alter their Constitution. An amendment to it may be adopted at any session of the Grand Lodge, on the next day after it is proposed, and amendments go into effect immediately upon their adoption; and they do not annul the By-Laws of Subordinates previously made, except so far as the By-Laws conflict therewith. ³

45. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any of these

articles (of the Subordinate Constitution) it shall be determined by the N. G., his determination being subject to an appeal to the Lodge, and its determination being subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge, whose decision shall be final in all cases. ⁴ The appeal from the decision of the Subordinate Lodge should be taken to the Grand Master during recess, thence to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, thence to the Grand Lodge. ⁵

46. Questions of construction are determined first by the

presiding officer of the Lodge, and on appeal from him by the Lodge itself. An appeal lies from the action of the Lodge. ⁶

47. This Lodge (Subordinate Lodge of Illinois) shall stand

fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Rules of Order from time to time as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any way contravene any of these articles, the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, or the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, or the principles

¹ Ill. B. L., Art. III.

² Sub. C., Art. XII., Sec. 2.

³ C., 943.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. XII, Sec. 1.

⁵ Ills. Const., Art. VI, Sec. 1.

⁶ S. J., 8714, 8788.

of the Order. A copy of the By-Laws, or any amendment thereto, shall, immediately after adoption by the Lodge, be sent by the Secretary to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, which approval shall be necessary before said By-Laws or amendments thereto shall become operative. The By-Laws shall not be suspended, set aside or altered except by regular process of amendment, a written proposition for which shall have been before the Lodge for at least one week. ¹

48. The Constitution and not the By-Laws of a Lodge is the proper place in which to incorporate those provisions which are fundamental in character and necessary to a perfect existence of the Lodge, such as dues, fees, initiations, degrees, depositing cards, etc. ²

49. A Grand Body may adopt a uniform system of Constitutions for its Subordinates, and the latter will be bound to conform thereto, even though such Subordinates are working under Constitutions approved by the S. G. L. ³

50. A Grand Body may not amend its Constitution for Subordinate Lodges so that it shall be in conflict with its own Constitution. ⁴

51. A By-Law cannot be suspended on motion.—It can only be amended, modified or repealed in the way designated by the Code of By-Laws itself. ⁵

52. Time when By-Laws take effect.—If the Constitution of a State Grand Body does not require the By-Laws of its Subordinates to be approved before they can become operative, such By-Laws are properly in force from the time of their adoption, or from such time as may be designated in the By-Laws themselves. ⁶ But if the State Grand Body requires that such By-Laws must be approved by it, then they are not operative until they have received such approval. ⁷

53. The supervision and approval of the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges belong and should be left to the State Grand Lodges and should not be interfered with by the S. G. L. ⁸ A Grand Lodge has no right to interfere with the By-Laws of its Subordinates when submitted to it for approval, unless they conflict with the Constitution or the general principles of the Order, and is therefore in no wise responsible for the sufficiency of the language used in said By-Laws to carry out the objects aimed at, whether said By-Laws be construed by the courts of the country, or by the Grand Lodge itself afterwards upon appeal. ⁹ When a Grand Body has dele-

¹ Sub. C., Art. XII, Sec. 3.

² S. J., 1271.

³ S. J., 1286, 1317.

⁴ S. J., 9503, 9734, 9801.

⁵ S. J., 4149, 4170.

⁶ S. J., 8330, 8439.

⁷ S. J., 6618, 6691.

⁸ S. J., 8082, 8175.

⁹ S. J., 8641, 8706.

gated to its Subordinates full control over their financial regulations "subject to the approval of the Committee on Laws," if a Subordinate in that jurisdiction passes a By-Law in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Laws must approve the same. The expediency or in expediency of a By-Law of said Subordinate on the question of finance cannot be inquired into by them. ¹

54. Subordinates have a right to make By-Laws for their internal government.—A Grand Body cannot make By-Laws for its Subordinates, but has the right of supervision and may approve or disapprove. It may frame a model Code of By-Laws and recommend the same to its Subordinates, but cannot compel its adoption. It can, however, enact a uniform Constitution, and may therein regulate the matter of benefits so far as the general law allows; and the By-Laws of Subordinates must conform to such Constitution. A Committee of a Grand Body appointed to supervise the By-Laws of its Subordinates has no right to make new laws for them, or to disapprove By-Laws which are not in conflict with law. ²

55. No Subordinate can work constitutionally until its Constitution and By-Laws are approved by the Grand Lodge under which it works. ³ The Constitution and By-Laws of Lodges directly under the jurisdiction of the S. G. L. must be approved by that Lodge. ⁴

56. By-Laws and amendments thereto, of Subordinate Lodges, must be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for the approval of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals; such approval being necessary before said By-Laws or amendments become operative. ⁵

57. A Grand Master has not the power of approving the By-Laws of a Lodge; they must be acted upon by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of the Grand Lodge. Neither a Deputy or a Grand Master himself can set aside, by dispensation or otherwise, the properly made legal and approved By-Laws of a Lodge. But an illegal provision in a By-Law is not made legal and valid by an inadvertent approval on the part of the Grand Lodge; it must be set aside. ⁶

58. The By-Laws of a Lodge must not contain superfluities or re-enact the laws of a superior authority. They should deal with those matters only which are left to the discretion of the Lodge. ⁷

¹ S. J., 5139, 5182.

² S. J., 13258, 13548, 13671.

³ S. J., 8409, 8479.

⁴ S. J., 8211, 8337, 8440.

⁵ Sub. C., Art. XII, Sec. 3.

⁶ S. J., 1090, Sub. C. Art. XII, S. J., 4190, 4170.

⁷ C. 952.

59. A pending amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge cannot be amended when under consideration, unless permitted by local laws. ¹

60. The local law of Illinois permits such amendments, although it is contrary to the practice of the S. G. L. It was enacted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1881, as follows: When an amendment to the By-Laws of a Lodge comes up for action, any amendment to the amendment which is germane to the subject may be offered and then and there acted upon, the whole subject being open to the Lodge. ²

61. If no By-Laws are in force, the Lodge has the right to adopt any By-Laws it may deem proper, provided they conform to the laws of the Order, at any time and without any notice. ³ They must be submitted, however, to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals for approval. ⁴

62. Reconsideration. When the Lodge has adopted By-Laws, the adoption may be reconsidered at the same or next subsequent meeting, like any other matter subject to reconsideration, in spite of any limitations as to mode of amendment contained in the By-Laws themselves. ⁵

63. Tacit consent cannot confer power.—The tacit consent and the practice of the members of a Subordinate cannot alone confer power to enforce a law which has been repealed. ⁶

64. The following special prohibitions as to the subject of By-Laws have been enacted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois: By-Laws are not allowed—

- (1.) To prescribe qualifications for membership, or prohibit applications for membership on account of age, whether by initiation or on deposit of card.
- (2.) To determine the time of an initiation.
- (3.) To legislate on the scrutiny of ballots.
- (4.) To legislate respecting a quorum, or the dissolution of the Lodge.
- (5.) To prescribe that its Trustees shall be house-holders.
- (6.) To legislate respecting degrees, except the amount of fees, and to make the election thereto void by non-usance in due time.
- (7.) To prescribe limits to the watching service.

¹ S. J. 7419, 7486, 7024, 7078.

² C. 954. See also Ill. Const. Art. X., Sec. 1, Sub. C. Art. XII, Sec. 3.

³ C. 946.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. XII, Sec. 3.

⁵ S. J., 6965, 6974.

⁶ S. J., 2790, 2827.

- (8.) To legislate respecting cards; except that they may prescribe the fee for a card.
- (9.) To legislate on indebtedness between brothers.¹
- (10.) To legislate concerning trials.
- (11.) To create other penalties than those prescribed in general laws.
- (12.) To define good standing, as it is fixed by general laws.
- (13.) To prescribe that P. G. shall fill the N. G.'s chair.
- (14.) To fix the amount of the Treasurer's bond.²

65. Where the Constitution directs a provision to be made by the By-Laws, the latter must be the guide in carrying out such provision.³

LEGISLATION GENERALLY.

SECTION 66.—When laws take effect.

- “ 67.—A law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge takes effect, when.
- “ 68.—A decision of Grand Sire immediately operative.
- “ 69.—Laws not retro-active.
- “ 70.—Consideration of inquiries as to laws or usages of the Order.
- “ 71.—No question of law or usage will be received and answered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois unless certified by Subordinate Lodge.

66. When laws take effect.—All general laws passed by the S. G. L., not otherwise specially provided for, shall go into effect on the first day of January after their passage.⁴

67. A law of the S. G. L. takes effect in each State jurisdiction (except as stated in Section 66) from the time of its enactment, unless the law on its face provides otherwise; or unless from the nature of the law it necessarily requires legislation by the State jurisdiction to carry it into effect.⁵

68. A decision of the Grand Sire not reversed by the S. G. L. stands as a general law, immediately operative.⁶

69. Laws not retro-active.—There can be no legal construction or interpretation of any law which makes it retro-active in its operation and effect, except where it may be remedial in character, or in no manner interferes with vested rights.⁷

70. Consideration of inquiries as to laws or usages of the Order.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of

¹ Sec. 628.

² C. 958.

³ S. J., 8086, 8175.

⁴ S. J., 8090, 8176.

⁵ S. J., 7910, 8072, 8173.

⁶ S. J., 11487, 11728, 11786.

⁷ S. J., 12253, 12299.

Odd Fellows will neither entertain nor consider any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the Body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.¹

71. No question of law or usage will be received and answered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, unless the same shall come from a Subordinate Lodge under the seal of the Lodge and properly attested.²

REBEKAH BRANCH.

SECTION 72.—New Rebekah Code in force.

- “ 73.—Extension of laws to Rebekah Degree.
- “ 74.—Section 75 is a law for government of Grand Lodges.
- “ 75.—Repeal of Rebekah laws.
- “ 76.—Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws of Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois.
- “ 77.—Controlling laws of Rebekah Subordinate Lodge.
- “ 78.—Legislative power of Rebekah Lodge.
- “ 79.—In case of doubt, Noble Grand to construe appeal.
- “ 80.—Amendment, repeal.
- “ 81.—When By-Laws of Rebekah Lodge in force.
- “ 82.—Repeal, amendment, of Rebekah By-Laws.

72. The New Rebekah Code is in force from the time of its adoption, 1895.³

73. Extension of laws to Rebekah Degree.—Except as provided in the Rebekah Degree Code, all laws, rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted for the government of Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, or that in any way affect the right of individual members, are made to apply, where applicable, in all their force, to Country, Provincial, State and Territorial Grand Jurisdictions of the Degree of Rebekah; and in so applying them, when necessary, where the male gender is referred to in said laws, the same shall be construed to mean the female gender. In Rebekah Lodges, the laws shall apply to all members alike, and the rights, duties and privileges of membership shall be the same for brothers as for sisters.⁴

74. Section 75 a law for the government of Grand Lodges.—Section 34 of the Rebekah Code (Section 75) is not a Rebekah Law for the government of Rebekah Lodges, but for the government of Grand Lodges.⁵

¹ S. By-Laws, Art. XXIX.

² C., Sec. 94.

³ S. J., 14239, 14487, 14570. See Chapter III infra.

⁴ R. C., 33; S. J., 14509, 14014, 14086.

⁵ S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570.

75. Repeal of Rebekah Laws.—All laws and parts of law heretofore enacted for the government of Rebekah Lodges are hereby repealed.¹

76. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois:

(1.) **Any changes in or amendments to this Constitution**² **may be made** at any regular session of the Assembly, provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing and signed by two members of the Assembly, and approved by a two-thirds vote.

(2.) **This Constitution and any amendments that may hereafter be made thereto shall be enforced** from and after the time of their adoption by the Assembly and approved by the Grand Lodge.³

77. The laws controlling this Lodge (Rebekah Subordinate Lodge) shall be the laws, rules and usages and general regulations of the Order, the Constitution of this Lodge and other laws for their government enacted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and the By-Laws of this Lodge not inconsistent therewith. The laws of the Subordinate Lodge, and the decisions thereon by the Grand and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall, so far as applicable, control in the government of this Rebekah Lodge in all cases not specially provided by the laws of the Rebekah Branch of the Order.⁴

78. Legislative power. This Lodge (Rebekah Subordinate Lodge) shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such **By-Laws and Rules of Order** from time to time as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any way contravene any of these articles, the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, or the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, or the principles of the Order. A copy of the By-Laws or any amendments thereto shall, immediately after adoption by the Lodge, be sent by the Secretary to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, which approval shall be necessary before said By-Laws or amendments thereto shall become operative. The By-Laws shall not be suspended, set aside or altered, except by regular process of amendment, a written proposition for which shall have been before the Lodge at least one week.⁵

¹ R. C., 34.

² Of the Rebekah State Assembly.

³ R. A. C., Art. IX., Secs. 1 and 2.

⁴ C. R. L., Art. XIII, Sec. 1.

⁵ C. R. L., Art. XIII, Sec. 4.

79. In case of doubt, N. G. to construe. When doubts arise as to the true meaning of any of these articles, ¹ they shall be determined by the N. G., such determination being subject to an appeal to the Lodge, and its determination being subject to the Grand Lodge, whose decision shall be final in all cases. ²

80. Amendment, Repeal. These articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended or annulled except on motion made in the Grand Lodge at a regular session in writing; and such motion shall not be finally acted upon the day of its presentation. ³

81. When in force. These By-Laws ⁴ shall be in force from and after their adoption and approval by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. All former By-Laws are hereby repealed. ⁵

82. Repeal, Amendment. These By-Laws shall not be repealed, amended or added to unless a written resolution embodying the proposed alteration shall have been submitted and read on at least two regular meetings previous to that at which action is had on the proposition; and the resolution shall be adopted only by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members present. ⁶

¹ i. e., the provisions of the Constitution for Rebekah Lodges.

² C. R. L., Art. XIII, Sec. 5.

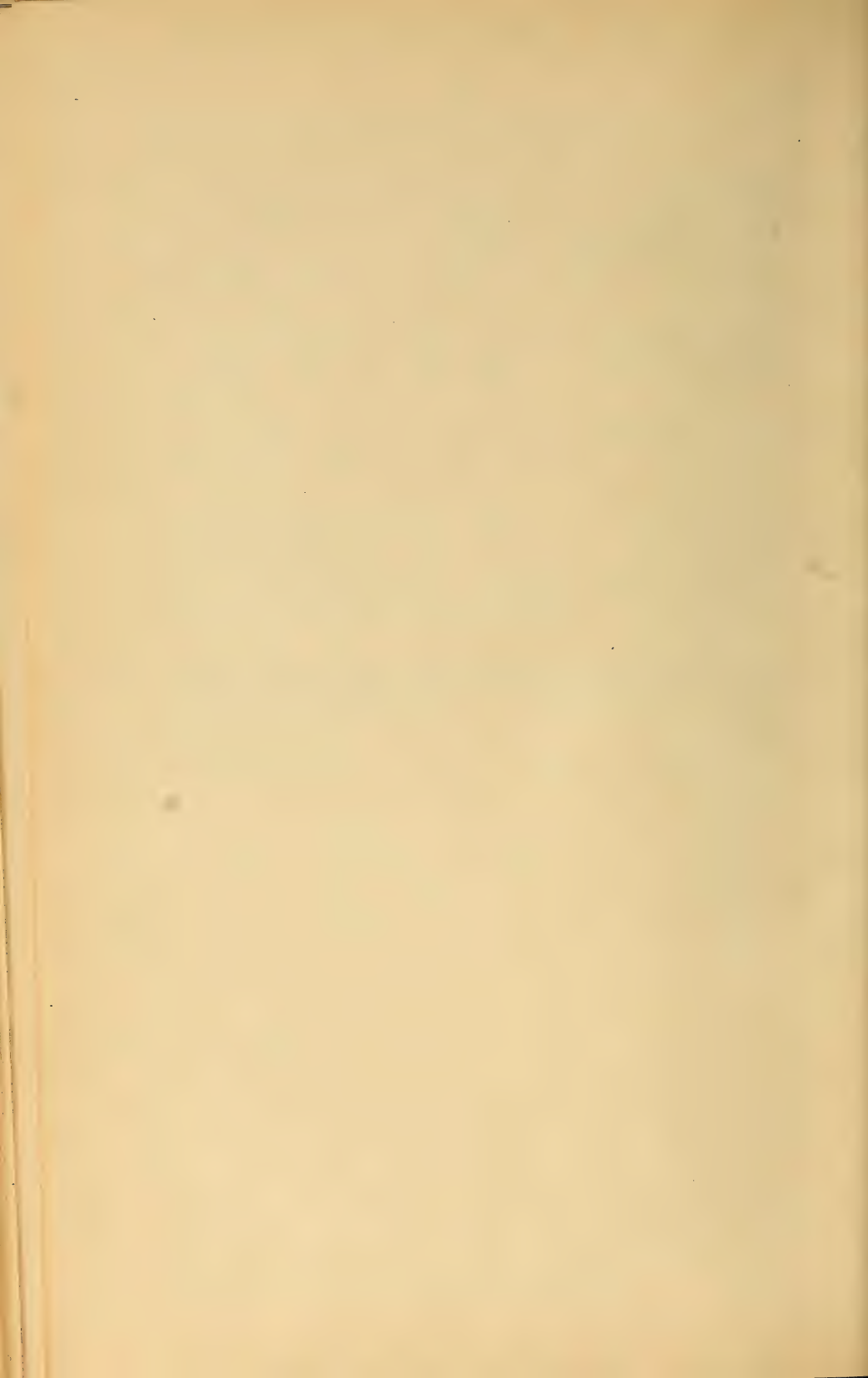
³ C. R. L., Art. XIII, Sec. 6.

⁴ of the Rebekah Lodges.

⁵ R. L., Art. IV, Sec. 1.

⁶ R. L., Art. IV, Sec. 2.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.



CHAPTER III.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

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- SECTION 83-137.—Constitution.
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I. CONSTITUTION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

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ARTICLE I.

83. Section 1—Name.—This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

84. Sec. 2—Jurisdiction.—It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship in the United States of America, and possesses such power and jurisdiction over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of the Order. Its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries.

85. Sec. 3—Powers.—By virtue of charters granted by it, all State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments exist, and with it rests the power, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, to deprive such State, District or Territorial Grand Bodies of their charters, and to annul their authority; provided that such deprivation or annulment shall only be made for violation of the laws of this Grand Lodge. No more than one Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be chartered in any State, District or Territory. All Grand Bodies working under charters granted by this Grand Lodge are supreme for all local legislation and appellate jurisdictions within their respective limits, except as hereinafter provided.

86. Sec. 4—Appeals.—With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or

members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof, but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive, until reversed by this Grand Lodge, on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulations as it may adopt.

87. Sec. 5—Powers as to written and unwritten work.—To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto; and to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a four-fifths vote of the members of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of this Grand Lodge.

88. Sec. 6—To this Grand Lodge is reserved the power to establish the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in such countries, domestic or foreign, wherein the same has not yet been established.

89. Sec. 7—Jurisdiction.—To this Grand Lodge belongs the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in such countries, domestic or foreign, as are without Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments.

90. Sec. 8—Power to enact general laws.—To it belongs the power to enact all laws of general application to the Order.

91. Sec. 9—Power of State Grand Bodies.—All power and authority in the Order not reserved to this Grand Lodge by this Constitution is hereby vested in the various State, District and Territorial Grand Bodies.

ARTICLE II.

92. Membership.—This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to-wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, working under legal unreclaimed charters, granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

93. Section 1—Elective Officers.—The officers of this Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, by a majority

of all the votes cast, biennially, at the stated communication of this Grand Lodge in September, and shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication.

94. Sec. 2—Appointed Officers.—The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian and Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and, if approved by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers.

95. Sec. 3—Should any of the elective officers fail to appear to be installed at the time provided, the particular office or offices shall be declared vacant, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall, in that event, proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, and the officer or officers so elected shall be accordingly installed.

96. Sec. 4—Attendance of Officers.—Duties.—All the officers, both elective and appointed, shall attend each meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required by the presiding officer; and shall receive such compensation as hereinafter provided.

97. Sec. 5—Right of officers to vote and debate.—No officer who is not a representative shall be permitted to vote, except the Grand Sire, in case of an equal division; the elective officers shall have the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives. Appointed officers, unless they be representatives, shall not be allowed to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except by a vote of the majority thereof

ARTICLE IV.

98. Section 1—Grand Sire.—The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, preserve order and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided, other than upon a ballot for officers, but shall not vote upon any other occasion. He shall appoint all committees not required to be raised by ballot, and appoint all District Deputy Grand Sires. During the recess of this Grand Lodge, he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order. He may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He may hear and decide such questions, other than questions arising out of the Consti-

tutions of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, or by the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. And his decisions upon all appeals and questions so submitted to him shall be binding upon the bodies or persons submitting the same until reversed by this Grand Lodge. He is empowered to receive petitions and grant warrants for the opening of new Lodges and Encampments, Grand or Subordinate, in places where Grand Bodies established by this Grand Lodge may not exist; and all warrants so granted by him shall be of force until recalled by this Grand Lodge. At every communication of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, he shall make a report in writing of all his official acts and decisions during the recess.

99. Sec. 2—Shall hold no other office.—During his term of service he shall not hold any office in any State, District or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

100. Sec. 3—In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upwards beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office, and at the first communication thereafter the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; provided, however, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be so construed as to work a forfeiture of the office.

ARTICLE V.

101. The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence. In case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of the Grand Sire, the powers and duties of the said office shall devolve on Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term, as provided in Section 3 of Article IV.

ARTICLE VI.

102. Grand Secretary.—The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the Journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidence of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may from time to time be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdictions; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or Grand Sire, its correspondence, and transact such business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him officially shall be laid before the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

ARTICLE VII.

103. Section 1—Grand Treasurer.—The Grand Treasurer shall keep the moneys and all the evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, etc., of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary. He shall lay before the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its stated communications in September, annually, a full and correct statement of his accounts. Before his installation he shall give a bond, with at least two sureties, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in such sum as may from time to time be fixed; and shall receive such compensation as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall determine.

104. Sec. 2—Money not drawn unless appropriated.—No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

105. Section 1—Grand Chaplain.—The Grand Chaplain shall perform such duties as appertain to his office, and as may from time to time be required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge relative thereto.

106. Sec. 2—Grand Marshal.—The Grand Marshal shall assist the Grand Sire in performing his duties in such a manner as may

from time to time be required and perform all the duties generally appertaining to such office.

107. Sec. 3—Grand Guardian.—The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before admitting him, and allow none to depart without the usual formality.

108. Sec. 4—The Grand Messenger.—The Grand Messenger shall perform such duties as the Sovereign Grand Lodge may from time to time require, for the convenience and comfort of the members; and for his services he shall receive such compensation as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall determine.

ARTICLE IX.

109. Section 1—Grand Representatives.—Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated annually by rotation. And if vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

110. Sec. 2—Grand Representatives shall be appointed as follows, viz.:—To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over two Grand Representatives.

111. Sec. 3—Qualifications of G. R.—A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree, be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing; and he must reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located. No representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time.

112. Sec. 4—To be furnished certificate.—Grand Representatives shall be furnished, by the Grand Bodies which they represent, with such certificates as shall be required by law.

113. Sec. 5—S. G. L. determines contested elections.—In case of contested elections, this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall determine to whom the contested seat belongs.

ARTICLE X.

114. Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge with the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives.

ARTICLE XI.

115. Section 1—Impeachment and trial of officers and members.—This Grand Lodge shall have the power, a majority consenting thereto, to impeach and try any of its officers or members, and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes cast, to expel from office or membership therein, any officer or member so impeached and convicted; provided, that a copy of the charges preferred shall have been furnished to the accused at least three days before trial.

116. Sec. 2—Suspended during trial.—During the trial of any impeachment, the officer or member under impeachment shall be debarred the exercise of his office or the privilege of his membership, but may be heard in his own defense.

117. Sec. 3—Suspension, Expulsion.—Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to which an officer or member of this Grand Lodge belongs shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from office or membership in this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

ARTICLE XII.

118. Sessions of S. G. L.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof has been given as above stated; provided, that, if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the annual session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.

ARTICLE XIII.

119. Section 1—Quorum.—Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District and Territorial Grand Bodies shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and act upon the credentials of new members, except in contested elections.

120. Sec. 2—Judge of qualifications and certificates.—This Grand Lodge shall be the judge of the certificates or returns and qualifications of its members.

121. Sec. 3—Rules of Order.—It may determine the rules of its proceedings and from time to time adopt such rules of order as it may see fit.

122. Sec. 4—Journal.—A Journal of its proceedings shall be kept and published annually, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

123. Sec. 5—Voting.—Voting for offices shall be by ballot. All other voting shall be *viva voce*, or by yeas and nays, as the Sovereign Grand Lodge may determine. The yeas and nays may be demanded by one-fifth of the representatives present, and shall be entered upon the Journal.

124. Sec. 6—Questions, how decided.—All questions shall be decided by a majority vote, except in such cases as a specific majority is required.

ARTICLE XIV.

125. The Revenue of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz.:

- (1.) Fees for charters of Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.
- (2.) Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, seventy-five dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.
- (3.) Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.
- (4.) Proceeds of the sale of books, cards, diplomas, odes and certificates.

ARTICLE XV.

126. Section 1—Qualifications for office.—To be an officer of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, one nominated must have received the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees, and be a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in good standing.

127. Sec. 2—The nomination and election of officers shall take place on the same day, to-wit: the second day of the communication at which officers are to be elected. The nominations for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election for the same, and before the nominations and election for the next office.

ARTICLE XVI.

128. Section 1—Members entitled to visit.—The members of the Order from each State, District and Territory under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be entitled to admission into the Lodges or Encampments of every other State, District or Territory, upon proving themselves according to the established work of the Order and the production of a proper card.

129. Sec. 2—Membership.—No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, however, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment formed, the qualifications as to age shall be left to local legislation.

130. Sec. 3—Admission in another state, how.—No citizen of one State, District or Territory wherein Lodges or Encampments are established shall be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment of another State, District or Territory, without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the State, District or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident.

131. Sec. 4—Admission in another jurisdiction of suspended or expelled members.—A member of the Order, suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any jurisdiction or sovereignty, shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another jurisdiction or sovereignty without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled; provided, however, that members suspended or

dropped for the non-payment of dues only may be admitted to membership in another jurisdiction or sovereignty, upon such conditions and under such rules and regulations as this Grand Lodge may have prescribed, or may at any time adopt.

132. Sec. 5—Saloon-keepers, etc., not admitted.—No saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order.

ARTICLE XVII.

133. Compensation.—The officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) shall receive a compensation for their services, to be fixed by law, and paid out of the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, provided that this Grand Lodge shall not allow a compensation (except such per diem as it may think proper) to any Grand Representative coming from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

ARTICLE XVIII.

134. Special Grand Representative.—With the previous consent and approval, from time to time expressed, of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Sovereign Grand Lodge as a Special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any Sovereign Jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship recognized by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expenses of such Special Grand Representative's visit shall be defrayed from the treasury of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such foreign Grand Lodge who may be duly accredited from the same as a Special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge and shall have a deliberate voice, but not a vote, in the proceedings thereof.

ARTICLE XIX.

135. By-Laws and Amendments.—By-Laws in conformity with this Constitution may be made, which shall not be altered or amended unless such amendment be proposed at a stated annual communication, and acted upon at the same session, but not on the day on which it is offered, and adopted by two-thirds of the votes given.

ARTICLE XX.

136. The Constitution Supreme.—The Constitution and the By-Laws which shall be made in pursuance thereof shall be the Supreme law of the Order, and be binding upon the State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XXI.

137. Constitution, Amending.—This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor made in writing at a regular annual communication by one or more representatives from three different states, which shall be entered on the Journal and lie over until the next regular annual communication. At the next regular annual communication, after being offered, such proposed alteration or amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alteration or amendment shall become a part of this Constitution.

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ARTICLE I.

138. Organizing a Subordinate Lodge.—Upon a petition of five brothers of the Order of the Degree of Truth, praying for a charter to institute a Subordinate Lodge, in a State, District or Ter-

ritory where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. Each Subordinate Lodge receiving a warrant from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall be instituted by a Past Grand of the Order regularly deputed therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such Lodge the warrant and charge books, and shall, at the institution thereof, give all necessary instructions. Such Lodge shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand deputed by him for that purpose or by a District Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE II.

139. Organizing a Subordinate Encampment.—Upon the petition of five Royal Purple members of the Order in good standing, praying for a warrant to institute an Encampment in a State, District or Territory where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Grand Lodge may grant the same. Every Encampment receiving a warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be instituted by the Grand Sire, or a qualified patriarch, who shall deliver to such Encampment the warrant and charge books, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or by some patriarch deputed by him for that purpose, or by the District Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE III.

140. Annual Reports of Subordinates.—Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, annually, reports containing the same information as is required from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments by Article X of these laws. The report shall be accompanied by the dues in current money.

ARTICLE IV.

141. Organizing a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.—Ten or more Subordinate Lodges or five or more Encampments located in any State, District or Territory where a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not been established, having seven Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing, may petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in writing, praying for a charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in such State, District or Territory; which, if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted; and such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be instituted by the Grand Sire, or some qualified brother or patriarch whom he shall depute for that purpose; provided, that nothing contained in this article shall operate to prevent

the Grand Lodge from entertaining and granting or instructing the Grand Sire to grant in the recess, the application for Grand Charter to any less member of Lodges or Encampments who may regularly petition therefor, and accompany the petition with reasons which shall be deemed satisfactory for such grant, by two-thirds of the members of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

ARTICLE V.

142. Applications for Charters.—All applications for charters of Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments must be by a vote of a majority of the Lodges or Encampments within the State, District or Territory, as follows: When ten or more Lodges or five or more Encampments shall agree in the opinion that a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges and Encampments in the State, District or Territory, inviting them to meet for consultation at some convenient time and place; each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs or Past High Priests as representatives to meet in convention to consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the location of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment (both of which shall be decided by a majority vote of the Lodges or Encampments represented).

Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or refuse to send a representative, or should the representative, from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble.

Each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its representative a statement under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing belonging to it. At the meeting of these representatives, the votes shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in the following form, to-wit:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The petition ofLodge (or Encampment)
No. 1,No. 2,No. 3 of
.....respectfully represents that at present they work under
warrants granted by your Body; that at present they have.....
Past Grands (or Past Chief Patriarchs) in good standing. They
are of opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish
a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment).¹

¹ S. J., 13686, 13694.

ARTICLE VI.

143. Expenses of instituting.—All traveling or other expenses of the Grand Sire or of the Past Grand or Patriarch deputed by him to institute a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.

ARTICLE VII.

144. Fee must accompany petition.—Applications for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments must be accompanied by the fee for the same, which shall be returned if the charter is not granted.

ARTICLE VIII.

145. Grand Seals.—Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have a Grand Seal, an impression whereof in wax shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and be deposited in the archives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ARTICLE IX.

146. Constitutions of Grand Bodies must be approved.—The Constitution or amendments of each Grand Lodge or Encampment, heretofore or hereafter chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its or their adoption shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its or their approval, if it shall be then in session; but if not then in session, then to the Grand Sire, who during such recess shall be fully authorized to act on, approve or reject such Constitution or amendments, in the same manner as this Grand Lodge could were it in session, subject to the subsequent final approval of this Grand Lodge.¹

ARTICLE X.

147. Annual Return.—Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next annual session, the number of Subordinates under its jurisdiction and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same, as well as the aggregate number of initiations, reinstatements, admissions by cards, withdrawals by cards, expulsions and deaths, and the number suspended or dropped; the number of brothers relieved and the amount of such relief; the number of weeks' sick benefit paid, the number of widowed families relieved and the amount of relief; the amount paid for burying the dead; the amount paid for relief and education of

¹ S J., 14091, 14146.

orphans; amount paid for special relief; amount paid for total relief; the amount paid for the working or current expenses of Subordinates; the amount paid for expenses of the Grand Body; receipts from dues; receipts from admissions and degrees; receipts from rents and from invested funds and total receipts. Forms of these reports shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon in current money, at par, in the City of Baltimore, Maryland.

ARTICLE XI.

148. Subordinate in arrears has no vote.—No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall fail or neglect to make its returns to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of June, which shall be in arrears for money due to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its representative or representatives, and no representative shall be entitled to more than one vote in the election for Grand Officers.

ARTICLE XII.

149. Membership limited, how.—No person shall, at the same time, hold membership in more than one Grand and Subordinate Lodge and one Grand and Subordinate Encampment, nor shall any Lodge or Encampment confer degrees upon any member of another Lodge or Encampment without the consent of the Lodge or Encampment to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

ARTICLE XIII.

150. Organization of Grand Bodies.—When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have been duly chartered in any State, District or Territory, all the Lodges and Encampments in said State, District or Territory, working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, shall thereafter be declared subordinate to and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the State, District or Territory in which they are located; and no Lodge or Encampment situated in one State, District or Territory can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of another State, District or Territory; provided, however, that any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in any State, District or Territory, may, at its own request, be made subordinate to any contiguous State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE XIV.

151. Visitation.—No brother can be admitted to visit or deposit his card in a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District or Territory where he resides, unless he presents a card as furnished under the signatures of the proper officers and seal of the Lodge or Encampment of which he is a member and signed on the margin in his own proper hand writing, and prove himself in the A. T. P. W. and in the degree in which the Lodge is opened; provided, nevertheless, a brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative or any elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment within whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit, or by a District Deputy Grand Sire in jurisdictions where no Grand Body exists, Grand Representatives of either branch being hereby authorized to introduce visiting brothers into both Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in their several jurisdictions; but in all such cases the presiding officer of the same shall be satisfied that the brother introducing such a visitor is a Grand Representative of the jurisdiction to which said Lodge or Encampment belongs; and provided, further, that the holder of a dismissal certificate regularly issued by a Lodge or Encampment may deposit the same in any other Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the jurisdiction in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe; but he shall not be required to be in possession of the A. T. P. W., nor can he visit a Lodge or Encampment by virtue of such certificate.

ARTICLE XV.

152. D. D. Grand Sires.—At each annual session the Grand Sire shall appoint in each State, District or Territory in which there is not a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment one or more officers to be styled District Deputy Grand Sires, whose duty it shall be to act as the special agents of this Grand Lodge in relation to the matters herein specified, namely:

(1.) To act for the Grand Sire and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the particular district for which the D. D. Grand Sires may be appointed.

(2.) To act as the representative of this Grand Lodge, and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his district as the Grand Sire shall direct.

(3.) To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire in relation to anything which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

(4.) To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary, and to obey the special directions of that officer.

(5). To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in his district which work under charters granted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

(6.) To make semi-annual reports of his acts and doings to the Grand Sire.

(7). District Deputy Grand Sires shall in no case interfere as officers of this Grand Lodge with the State Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments.

(8.) To qualify a brother for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Sire, he must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of Past Grand and of the Royal Purple Degree; and in States where Grand Encampments may be established, he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment. The appointment of District Deputy Grand Sires shall be made at each annual session, to continue for one year, but they may be removed for cause by the Grand Sire during recess.

(9.) The Grand Sire shall have power to fill, by appointment, all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Grand Lodge from resignation, sickness or disability, or other causes, which are not provided for by the Constitution; such appointment to last until filled by election or otherwise, as provided by law for the election or appointment of such officers.

ARTICLE XVI.

153. Examination of Grand Representative required.—The representative or representatives of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be examined by the Deputy Grand Sire as to their qualifications for the office, previous to taking seats in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and on taking their seats each shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order and Laws of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XVII.

154. Documents must be furnished.—Each State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall furnish its representative or representatives with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office.

ARTICLE XVIII.

155. Journals of the S. G. L. to be furnished.—Each State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge

as it has Subordinate Lodges, and twenty-five per cent. more to be distributed among its Subordinates, and one-half of such number, but not less than fifteen copies, for its own use. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner, and each Lodge or Encampment, working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge, shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIX.

156. All dues and moneys for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Secretary, and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE XX.

157. Grand Bodies shall enforce adherence to work of the Order.—All State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall enforce upon their Subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction. They shall never adopt nor use, or suffer to be adopted or used, in their jurisdiction, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation or regalia than those prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ARTICLE XXI.

158. Prayer.—All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction may at all times open and close their meetings with prayer.

ARTICLE XXII.

159. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to-wit:
(1.) Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: **First Degree**, pink; **Second Degree**, blue; **Third Degree**, scarlet; **Initiatory Degree**, a plain white collar. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple may be worn on the collars, either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand, Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or

silver; the Vice Grand, a blue collar trimmed in like manner. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of the colors of those officers respectively. Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, scarlet sash; Inside Guardian, scarlet sash. The position of each officer shall be indicated by the jewel of the office. (Resolved, That the above shall apply to all Lodges that may be hereafter instituted and to all Lodges that shall hereafter procure new regalia.)

(2.) Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

(3.) **The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers** of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined

(4.) **The Encampment regalia** shall be as follows: Patriarchal Degree, a plain black collar; Golden Rule Degree, a black collar trimmed with yellow; Royal Purple Degree, a purple collar trimmed with yellow lace or fringe; Past Chief Patriarch, same as Royal Purple Degree, with crossed crooks on right and the letters "P. C. P." on left side of collar. All collars not to exceed four inches in width.¹

(5.) **Past High Priests** who are Past Grands and members of a Grand Encampment may wear the combined regalia now authorized to be worn by Past Chief Patriarchs.

(6.) **The regalia for Grand Representatives** shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

(7.) **Past Grand Representatives** and the officers and past officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

(8.) **The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires** shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

(9.) **Grand Representatives** and Past Grand Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the style and size above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

(10.) **The regalia for Past Grand Patriarchs** shall be a royal purple collar of velvet, not to exceed five inches in width, trimmed

¹ S. J., 14912, 15005.

with yellow metal lace, fringe and tassels, with crossed crooks, and a dove with olive branch on the face of collar, and yellow lace and fringe around two-thirds of the length of the neck of the collar.

(11.) **The regalia for a Past Grand** who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may, in lieu of any other regalia to which he may be entitled, be a scarlet collar, trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a-half inches wide, with a roll of purple two inches wide, trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links. The above described regalia may be worn by a brother who has passed the chairs in a Lodge and in an Encampment in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge, or any Grand or Subordinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings, and the roll of purple velvet with yellow metal trimmings.

At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn of the color of the highest degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear; provided, that Grand Bodies may adopt a badge of uniform size and design, the color to conform with existing regulations.

ARTICLE XXIII.

160. Grand Lodge Degree.—State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge Degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view of increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration, except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair—the said degree having been designed as a reward for faithful service in the Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE XXIV.

161. Regalia, who entitled to wear.—Past officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees and all other members of the Order when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, and when attending the meetings of the Lodge of which they are members, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degree which they may have taken.

ARTICLE XXV.

162. A. T. P. W., its use.—The A. T. P. W. is primarily designed for the use of brethren who are traveling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong, but may also be used in the jurisdiction to which brothers belong who have received it in good

faith for said primary purpose; and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge and the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden of an Encampment are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified to either give or receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State, and their regular deputies, should also be in possession of it.

ARTICLE XXVI.

163. The fiscal year with its annual reports.—The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first day of December, and all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall make their annual reports, as required by Article X, to correspond with the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XXVII.

164. Failure to make returns forfeits charter.—The Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which fail to make their returns for one year, shall forfeit their charters, and whenever such remissness occurs, the Grand Sire shall take proper measures to enforce the law.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

165. The Committee on Printing Supplies.—(1.) There shall be appointed at each annual session, immediately before the final adjournment, a Committee on Printing Supplies, to consist of five members, including the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

(2.) The members of the Committee shall hold their respective positions until the following annual session. The Committee shall have power to sit during the recess, and shall report in detail at each annual session of the Grand Lodge. Vacancies that may occur in the Committee shall be filled by the Grand Sire.

(3.) The Committee shall organize by the election of a chairman and a secretary, and shall hold a session immediately after the final adjournment of the Grand Lodge, and afterward, upon the call of the chairman, but not oftener than four times within twelve months. They shall be entitled to such mileage and per diem as this Grand Lodge may from time to time determine.

(4.) The Committee on Printing Supplies shall have power and authority to contract for all the necessary printing of the Grand

Lodge and for the furnishing of all needed supplies for the office of Grand Secretary, and for all materials and work which may be required in said office, in such manner and upon such terms as the Committee shall deem for the best interests of the Grand Lodge; provided, however, the Grand Sire shall have full power and authority to have printed, under his supervision, his annual report. ¹

(5.) The Committee shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and open such books of accounts and of printing supplies as shall show at any time the quantity of supplies on hand and the amount ordered by the Committee, and adopt such regulations in relation to the supply stock as they shall deem necessary.

(6.) All bills for printing supplies, materials furnished, or for work done by authority of the Committee, shall be audited and passed upon by the Committee on Printing Supplies, and unless thus approved shall not be paid, unless the Grand Lodge shall order otherwise

(7.) All provisions of law heretofore adopted that are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby declared to be repealed.

ARTICLE XXIX.

166. Inquiries as to the laws of the Order, when entertained.—

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will neither entertain nor consider any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the Body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE XXX.

167. By-Law, when resolution does not amend.—No resolution, order or other action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall operate to change, alter or amend any of these By-Laws, unless said resolution, order or other action shall, upon its face and by its terms, assume to make such change, alteration or amendment, and shall state distinctly the particular By-Law to be affected.

ARTICLE XXXI.

168. Former inconsistent laws repealed.—All former laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of these general laws are hereby repealed.

¹ 14976, 15069.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

(I) GRAND SIRE.

169. The Grand Sire shall take the chair at the hour of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum cause the Journal of the proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read.

(II) OPENING OF THE S. G. L.

170. He shall organize the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the first day of its communication, by directing the Grand Secretary to call the names of the officers and representatives. He shall then direct the Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal to examine the representatives present, and report to him the result; and if all are correct, and a quorum be present, he shall call on the Grand Chaplain to offer a prayer. He shall then direct the Deputy Grand Sire to proclaim the Sovereign Grand Lodge duly opened.

(III) HIS REPORT.

171. He shall, after the organization of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, present a report of his acts and doings during the recess.

(IV) COMMITTEES TO BE APPOINTED.

172. He shall, at the commencement of each communication, appoint the following standing committees, viz.:

On the State of the Order, to consist of eleven members.

On the Judiciary, to consist of eleven members.

On Legislation, to consist of eleven members.

On Finance, to consist of eleven members.

On Constitutions, to consist of eleven members.

On International Relations, to consist of eleven members.

On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to consist of eleven members.

On the Degree of Rebekah, to consist of eleven members.

On Correspondence, to consist of eleven members.

On Petitions, to consist of eleven members.

On Returns, to consist of eleven members.

On Unfinished Business, to consist of eleven members.

On Miscellaneous Business, to consist of eleven members.

On Grand Bodies not represented, to consist of eleven members.

On Credentials, to consist of five members.

On Printing Supplies, to consist of five members.

On Mileage and Per Diem, to consist of nine members.

On Drawing for Seats, to consist of five members.

On Distribution of Grand Officers' Report, to consist of five members.

On Patriarchs Militant, to consist of nine members.

On Appeals, to consist of nine members.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall be appointed at the same time as the Committee on Appeals, and the Chairman shall attend at the place of the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge three days before the commencement thereof.

(V) COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

173. He shall appoint a Committee on Appeals two months prior to each communication, to consist of nine members, which Committee shall meet on the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and consider such appeals as may be presented to them, and no appeal shall be considered by the Committee except by the direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless filed with the Grand Secretary by the first day of the meeting of the Committee; and the Grand Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the Chairman of the Committee.

(VI) SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

174. He shall, unless otherwise ordered, appoint all special committees ordered by the Sovereign Grand Lodge from time to time.

(VII) DUTIES OF THE CHAIR.

175. The Grand Sire shall preserve order and decorum during the sessions and shall have general control of the hall in which the Sovereign Grand Lodge holds its sessions.

(VIII) TO SIGN ALL PAPERS.

176. He shall sign all papers and documents requiring his signature, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge by any member; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by permission of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

(IX) PUTTING THE QUESTION.

177. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting, and shall put the question in this form, to-wit: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say Aye;" and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are opposed say No." If he doubts, or a division is called for, the Lodge shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and then those in the negative, and shall remain standing until counted by the Grand Officers, which, being reported, he shall rise and state the decision.

(X) GIVES THE CASTING VOTE.

178. He shall not be permitted to vote unless the Sovereign Grand Lodge be equally divided, when he may give the casting vote, except on roll call.

(XI) G. S. DECIDES.

179. When two or more members rise to speak, the Grand Sire shall name the member who is entitled to the floor.

DECORUM AND DEBATE.

(XII) MEMBERS MUST RISE TO SPEAK.

180. When any member desires to speak or deliver any matter to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he shall rise and respectfully address himself to the Grand Sire, and on being recognized may address the Sovereign Grand Lodge from his seat or from the Grand Secretary's desk, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personality.

(XIII) TO SPEAK BUT ONCE

181. A member shall not speak more than once to the same question, without leave, until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken.

(XIV) DECORUM.

182. While the Grand Sire is putting a question or addressing the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a member shall not walk out of or across the room, nor when a member is speaking, pass between him and the Chair; and during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge no member shall wear his hat, or remain by the Grand Secretary's desk during the call of roll or the counting of ballots, or smoke upon the floor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and the Grand Marshal is charged with the strict enforcement of this rule.

(XV) CALLING THE ROLL.

183. Upon every roll call the names of the members shall be alphabetically by surname; when two or more members have the same surname, the name shall be followed by the jurisdiction represented, and after the roll has been once called, the Grand Secretary shall call, in alphabetical order, the names of those not voting; and if any member not voting shall be absent from the hall when his name is called, the representatives present from the same Grand Body shall be allowed to cast one vote for such absent member; and the Grand Secretary shall place the word "absent" opposite the name of the absent representative, and thereafter the Grand Sire shall not entertain the request to record a vote.¹

(XVI) MOTION MUST BE REDUCED TO WRITING.

184. Every motion made to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and entertained by the Grand Sire, shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member, and shall be entered on the Journal with the name of the member making it, unless it is withdrawn the same day.

(XVII) MOTIONS PENDING DEBATE.

185. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to take a recess, to lay on the table, for the previous question (which motions shall be decided without debate), to postpone to a time certain, to refer, to amend, to commit or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and no motion to postpone to a time certain, to refer, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the question. A motion to adjourn and to take a recess shall always be in order.

(XVIII) QUESTIONS MAY BE DIVIDED.

186. On the demand of any member, before the question is put, a question shall be divided, if it includes propositions so distinct in substance that one being taken away a substantive proposition shall remain.

(XIX) MOTION TO STRIKE OUT AND INSERT.

187. A motion to strike out and insert is indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor motion to strike out and insert; and a motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall not be admitted under color of amendment.

¹ S. J., 13624, 13681.

(XXXV) PROTESTS.

203. Any member has the right to protest and have his protest spread upon the Journal.

(XXXVI) MEMBERS MUST SERVE ON COMMITTEES.

204. Every member must, unless excused by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, serve on committees and accept nominations.

(XXXVII) AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

205. Proposition for the amendment of the Constitution made in conformity with Article 21 of the Constitution may be made and entered on the Journal as a matter of course, without any action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This rule shall also apply to all such reports of standing committees as are required to lie on the table one day under Rule 42.

COMMITTEES.

(XXXVIII) CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

206. The first named member of each committee shall be the Chairman, and in his absence, or being excused by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the next named member, and so on, as often as the case shall happen, unless the committee by a majority of its members elect a Chairman.

(XXXIX) REFERENCE OF BUSINESS TO THE SEVERAL COMMITTEES.

207. Business presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be referred as follows :

To the Committee on the State of the Order, all questions in relation to the work of the Order.

To the Committee on Judiciary, all questions in relation to the construction of the laws of the Order, and the decision of the Grand Sire upon questions of law.

To the Committee on Legislation, all proposed new legislation and repeal of existing laws.

To the Committee on Finance, all matters in relation to the finances of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and all propositions involving an appropriation of moneys or supplies.

To the Committee on Appeals, all appeals from the action of Grand Jurisdiction, and from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Constitution, all amendments to the Constitutions of Subordinate Grand Bodies, or of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on International Relations, all matters in relation to the Order in foreign countries as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, such matters relating to Patriarch affairs as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, all matters relating to that degree, and to such Degree Lodges as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on Correspondence, all correspondence in relation of the business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Order requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Petitions, all petitions and memorials requiring action by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Returns, from Grand Jurisdictions and from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Unfinished Business, the duty of examining the Journal of prior sessions, and to report such matters as remain undetermined.

To the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, all matters not herein specified for reference to any other committee.

To the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, all matters relating to such Grand Bodies requiring action in this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Credentials, the credentials of the representatives.

To the Committee on Printing Supplies, such matters as are prescribed in the 28th By-Law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, all matters in relation to the mileage and per diem of the officers and representatives.

To the Committee on Drawing for Seats, the duty of drawing the seats to be occupied by the representatives during the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

(XL) COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

208. Committee on Credentials shall have leave to report at any time.

(XLI) QUESTION OF REFERENCE NOT DEBATABLE.

209. The question of reference of any proposition shall be decided without debate in the following order, viz.: a standing committee, a select committee.

(XLII) REPORTS WHEN TO LIE OVER.

210. The report of a committee shall not be acted upon on the day of its presentation, except reports from the following Commit-

tees: on Credentials, on Drawing Seats, on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, on Unfinished Business; provided, that subjects reported back as being improperly referred may, without a suspension of this rule, be referred to the proper committee.

(XLIII) STATEMENT OF FACTS IN REPORT OF COMMITTEE
ON APPEALS.

211. When a report of the Committee on Appeals, or a resolution accompanying the same is regularly before the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and action is being had thereon, the statement of facts contained in the report of the Committee and in the record of appeal shall be deemed conclusive; provided, both parties to the appeal have been heard or have had an opportunity to be heard and report shall so state, and it shall not be in order to make any statement in debate thereon inconsistent with the facts so stated in such report or record. This rule shall not apply when action is had upon a motion to recommit such report with instructions.

(XLIV) PROPOSITION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE.

212. Any proposition offered for reference to any standing committee which shall require an entry in full on the Journal shall be submitted in duplicate, either in print or in manuscript, and if in writing it shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of fool's cap.

(XLV) NOTICE BY STANDING COMMITTEES.

213. When the Sovereign Grand Lodge has by vote determined to adjourn for the day, or the hour of adjournment has arrived, before declaring the Body adjourned, the Grand Sire shall call upon the Chairman of the several standing committees to give any notice they may desire, with regard to the time and place of meeting of the several committees.

(XLVI) ORDER OF BUSINESS.

214. The business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be transacted in the following order:

- (1.) The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.
- (2.) The roll of officers and representatives shall be called.
- (3.) Appointment and report of Committee on Credentials.
- (4.) Appointment and report of Committee on Drawing for Seats.
- (5.) Appointment of other standing committees.
- (6.) The Journal of the previous day's session shall be read and passed upon.

- (7.) The reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be presented.
- (8.) Petitions and Memorials may be received.
- (9.) Communications presented and read.
- (10.) Reports of standing and select committees received.
- (11.) Calling the jurisdictions for the presentation of resolutions, etc.
- (12.) Consideration of reports of committees.
- (13.) Deferred and new business may be considered.
- (14.) This order of business may be transposed or dispensed with by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
- (15.) When the business is concluded, the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Sovereign Grand Lodge duly closed.

II. CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

ARTICLE	I.—Name.
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ARTICLE I.

215. Name.—This Lodge shall be known by the name and style of the "GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS."

ARTICLE II.

216. Powers.—This Grand Lodge, under the limitations imposed upon it by its Charter and the Constitution and Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, possesses, within the State of Illinois, supreme legislative, executive and judicial authority. It has the right and power (1) to grant dispensations to establish Lodges; (2) to charter Lodges; (3) to suspend or discontinue for cause any Lodge subordinate to it; (4) to hear and determine all appeals from the actions and decisions of its Subordinate Lodges and from the decisions of the Grand Master; (5) to redress grievances of members and Lodges under its jurisdic-

tion; and (6) to do whatever is proper according to the usages of Odd Fellowship and not in contravention of this Constitution or of the Constitution and Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. No Lodge of the Order can exist in this State without its permission.

ARTICLE III.

217. Section 1—Membership.—This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, viz.: One representative (who must be a Past Grand in good standing) from each of the Lodges of the State, and all other Past Grands in good standing of Lodges of this jurisdiction. A Past Grand from another jurisdiction, becoming a member of a Lodge in this State, may become a member of this Grand Lodge upon presenting a certificate of his official standing from the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction from which his membership was transferred; *Provided, however*, that neither a representative nor other Past Grand shall be a member of this Grand Lodge until he shall have received the Grand Lodge Degree.

218. Sec. 2—Power to inflict penalty.—This Grand Lodge shall have power to punish by reprimand, fine or expulsion, any of its members who shall refuse to obey its laws, or who shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

ARTICLE IV.

219. Section 1—Officers.—The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz.: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and two Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; all of whom shall be elected by ballot. Also, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Conductor, Grand Guardian, and Grand Herald, all of whom shall be appointed.

220. Sec. 2—The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and preserve order and enforce the rules. He shall appoint all Grand Officers *pro tempore*, and all the Grand Officers who are not elective. He shall name the members of all committees, unless it is otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge. He shall give the casting vote whenever the Grand Lodge is equally divided. He may call special sessions of the Grand Lodge whenever, in his judgment, the good of the Order requires him so to do, and he shall call a special session whenever requested so to do in writing by the representatives of fifty Lodges. He shall order the payment by the Grand Treasurer of all moneys voted by the Grand Lodge. In person or by deputy, he shall confer all official degrees, and he shall communicate the necessary passwords to be used in this jurisdiction. During the recess of the Grand Lodge he

shall have a general superintendence of the interest of the Order in this State; shall hear and decide any grievance or complaints that may be made to him; pass upon all questions of law and usage which shall have been first submitted on appeal under seal of the Subordinate Lodge to the Lodge Deputy Grand Master, and he shall not be compelled to answer questions submitted by individual members of the Order; grant dispensations to open Lodges, and do such other acts as this Grand Lodge might do, except that he may not, by virtue of any powers conferred upon him by this section, exercise any of the legislative functions of this Grand Lodge. At each Annual Session the Grand Master shall report the dispensations to open Lodges granted by him, and such other acts as he may have done in accordance with the authority herein upon him conferred; and when an appeal is taken from any of his decisions, he shall report the decision with the appeal therefrom. All decisions made by the Grand Master shall be binding until reversed, upon appeal, by the Grand Lodge.

221. Sec. 3—The Deputy Grand Master shall support the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge. His powers shall be the same as those of the Grand Master, when, during the absence of that officer from this jurisdiction, or because of his inability to act, or in the event of his death or resignation, the duties of the Grand Master shall devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master, and perform such other duties as are required of him by this Constitution, the law and usages of this Grand Lodge.

222. Sec. 4—The Grand Warden shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door, and shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge.

223. Sec. 5—The Grand Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and send to the Subordinates printed copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates; shall receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge from its Subordinates, and pay the same immediately to the Grand Treasurer; shall notify each of the Subordinates of any special session that may be called, and shall procure all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge and its officers.

224. Sec. 6—The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to him by the Grand Secretary, and receipt for the same. He shall keep books containing an account of all moneys received and paid by him, to whom paid and for what purpose; and he shall have his accounts posted at every Annual Session, and submit them at that time to the examination of the Grand Lodge.

225. Sec. 7—The Grand Chaplain shall perform the duties peculiar to his office.

226. Sec. 8—The Grand Marshal shall assist the Deputy Grand Master in supporting the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge. He shall, when requested, attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the Subordinates; shall make proclamation for the Grand Master when required so to do; shall obey his commands, and perform such other duties as are required of him by the Constitution, laws and usages of this Grand Lodge.

227. Sec. 9—The Grand Conductor shall examine and conduct new members into the Grand Lodge; shall attend to the comfort and convenience of the Grand Lodge, and during its session shall execute the commands of the Grand Master.

228. Sec. 10—The Grand Guardian shall attend at the inner door of the Grand Lodge, and permit none to enter or depart without the consent of the Grand Warden.

229. Sec. 11—The Grand Herald shall attend at the outer door of the Grand Lodge. He shall have charge of the personal property of the Grand Lodge, and keep the same in good order.

230. Sec. 12—The Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and represent this Grand Lodge therein.

231. Sec. 13—Compensation of Grand Officers.—The Grand Officers, excepting the Grand Representatives, shall receive for their services such compensation as the Grand Lodge may determine.

232. Sec. 14—Bonds of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.—The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall each, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond, with two or more sufficient sureties, in such sum as the Grand Lodge may determine, to be executed and approved by the Grand Lodge, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, and for the delivery of all moneys, papers, books, records and other property appertaining to his office, whole, safe and undefaced, to his successor in office.

233. Sec. 15—Duties.—The Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties herein specified, perform such other duties as may be imposed upon them by law.

234. Sec. 16—Eligibility.—Every member of this Grand Lodge shall be eligible to any Grand Office, excepting to that of Grand Representative, to which he shall also be eligible if he have the Royal Purple Degree.

235. Sec. 17—Cannot hold two offices.—A member of the Grand Lodge shall not hold two offices at the same time.

236. Sec. 18—Nominations.—Candidates for office may be nominated at any time previous to the election.

237. Sec. 19—No vote shall be valid or counted unless it be cast for a candidate regularly in nomination.

238. Sec. 20—Election.—All elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately by a majority of the valid votes cast. When there are but two candidates for the same office, in the event of a tie for two successive balloting, the election shall be decided by lot. When there are more than two candidates in nomination, and neither receives a majority of votes at a balloting, the one receiving the fewest number of votes shall, after the result of the ballot has been announced, be, by the Chair, declared dropped from the nomination, and the balloting shall proceed.

239. Sec. 21—Installation and tenure.—After the election, the Grand Officers may be, at any time before adjournment, installed into their respective offices. The Grand Master, or any Past Grand Master, shall install the Grand Master-elect, who may install the other Grand Officers-elect. All Grand Officers shall be installed to serve until after the election and installation of their successors.

240. Sec. 22—Removal from office.—Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his office. He shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to remove him; but any officer against whom charges are preferred shall not have the right to preside during the trial, or to appoint any committee or part of a committee to examine or try the case, or to do any official act that can affect the trial or its result.

241. Sec. 23—Vacancies in any of the Grand Offices, occurring during the recess, shall be filled by the Grand Master *ad interim*, and at the first annual session of the Grand Lodge thereafter the vacancies shall be regularly filled.

ARTICLE V.

242. Section 1—Lodge Deputy Grand Masters.—The Grand Master shall appoint a duly qualified Past Grand as the Lodge Deputy Grand Master for each Subordinate Lodge, who shall serve as such until his successor shall have been appointed, or until removed by the Grand Master. The Lodge Deputy Grand Master shall obey the commands of the Grand Master, decide all questions of law and usage, when submitted to him in writing under the seal of the Subordinate Lodge; giving his answer thereto also in writing. Said decision of the Lodge Deputy Grand Master shall be binding upon the Lodge unless an appeal is taken to the Grand Master, in which case the Lodge Deputy Grand Master shall transmit the original papers (being the question and answer) to the Grand

Master. The Lodge Deputy Grand Masters shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed for them by the laws of the Order.

ARTICLE VI.

243. Section 1—Standing Committees.—The Grand Master at each annual session shall, within twenty days after his installation as such, appoint the following Committees to serve one year, viz.: (1) On Credentials, three members; (2) on State of the Order, five members; (3) on Legislation, five members; (4) on Finance, three members; (5) on Rebekah Degree, three members; (6) on Mileage and Per Diem, ten members; (7) on Railroads, three members; (8) on Printing, five members. In the order of business the report of these Committees shall be called and have precedence in the order in which they are herein named. And within twenty days after the adoption of this amendment, the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, to consist of five members, one of whom shall be appointed for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years, and thereafter at each annual session the Grand Master, immediately after the installation of the Grand Officers, shall appoint one member of said Committee for the full term of five years; and shall, whenever a vacancy exists in the membership of said Committee, occasioned by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, fill such vacancy by appointment, and such appointee shall fill out the unexpired term of his predecessor.

The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction to hear and determine all questions arising by appeal from the action or judgment of any Subordinate Lodge, or otherwise, which may be referred to them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, or which may be presented to said Committee by virtue of any legislation of this Grand Lodge, now or hereafter in force. And shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all other cases which may arise under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted for that purpose, and shall examine and approve or reject the By-Laws of all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and may so approve or reject the same in whole or in part, but shall have no power to change any part thereof in any other manner; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Grand Master from hearing and determining any question that may arise by petition or complaint of any grievance, by the wrongful act of any Lodge officer or member, or otherwise interfere with the Grand Master in the exercise of his authority as the executive officer of this Grand Lodge.

244. Sec. 2—The Committee on Credentials shall report, without delay, on the credentials of representatives and Past Grands.

245. Sec. 3—The Committee on the State of the Order shall report upon the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, in so far as such reports relate to the state of the Order. The Committee shall also report upon the condition and progress of the Order in this jurisdiction, upon applications for charters, and upon such other matters as may be referred to it.

246. Sec. 4—The Committee on Legislation shall report upon all resolutions referred to it proposing the enactment, amendment or repeal of any law, and upon such other matters as may be referred to it.

247. Sec. 5—The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals shall hold four sessions annually, to-wit: Three at the office of the Grand Secretary, unless the Committee is notified by the Grand Secretary that there is not any business to come before them; one beginning on the third Tuesday of February, one beginning on the third Tuesday of May, and one beginning on the third Tuesday of August; and the fourth session shall be held at the time and place of holding the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary shall be the clerk of said Committee and shall keep an accurate record of all their transactions, and shall have the care, custody and control of all its records, papers, etc.

At each session of said Committee, the member having the shortest term to serve shall act as Chairman, and each of said Committee shall be paid mileage at the rate of six cents per mile, by the nearest route from his place of residence to the office of the Grand Secretary, or to the place of holding the session of the Committee, as the case may be, for each of such sessions, and a per diem of three dollars for each day actually occupied, to be paid upon the certificate of the Chairman of the Committee.

The said Committee shall reduce all their judgments and decisions to writing, and file the same with the Grand Secretary.

All processes, whether in the nature of summons, subpoenas, or otherwise, shall be under the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signature of the Grand Secretary. All appeals hereafter taken from the final judgment or action of any Subordinate Lodge shall be taken and referred to the said Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. And the decisions and judgments of said Committee shall, unless appealed from within thirty days, be final, and stand as the judgment and decision of this Grand Lodge.

An appeal from the decision or judgment of said Committee to this Grand Lodge shall be allowed and such appeal shall be con-

sidered and determined at the session next after such appeal is taken, except in case such appeal is taken during a session of the Grand Lodge, in which case such appeal may be considered and determined at such time as the Grand Lodge may direct. A notice in writing directed to the Grand Secretary and signed by the member appealing, or the Noble Grand or Secretary of the Lodge, under the seal of the Lodge in all cases where a Lodge appeals, briefly stating the fact of such appeal and the reasons assigned therefor, shall be the only requirements of such appeal.

248. Sec. 6—The Committee on Finance shall report upon all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, previous to such accounts and claims being allowed. It shall audit annually the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and the accounts of all officers and committees intrusted with the receipt and disbursement of funds of the Grand Lodge. It shall, from time to time, suggest such measures of finance as it may deem expedient.

249. Sec. 7—The Committee on Rebekah Degree shall report upon all matters relating to the Rebekah Degree and Rebekah Lodges referred to it.

250. Sec. 8—The Committee on Printing shall superintend all printing, and shall purchase all stationery and blanks not supplied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They shall advertise for bids for printing the reports of the Grand Officers, the proceedings of the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, in both the English and German language, and such other printing as may be required by the Grand Officers, awarding the contract for such work to the lowest responsible bidder, and reporting the original list of said bidders, with the prices that they had offered to perform the work for, to the next session of the Grand Lodge. They shall sign all bills for which they may have awarded contracts, as being correct, and forward the same to the Finance Committee for their approval. And no warrant, or warrants, shall be drawn by the Grand Secretary for the payment of any printing bill until the same has been approved by a majority of the Finance Committee.

251. Sec. 9—The Committee on Railroads shall, if possible, procure reduced rates of fare over the several railroads of the State for members of the Grand Lodge attending the session thereof; and shall report to the Grand Secretary at least three weeks before any session the names of railroad companies giving reductions of fare, and all the details of the arrangements made therewith.

252. Sec. 10—The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall report the number of miles necessarily traveled by the shortest traveled route, by each Grand Officer and representative, the num-

ber of days attendance of same and the amount due to each. The committee shall make its estimate by allowing six cents mileage one way and three dollars per diem.

ARTICLE VII.

253. Section 1—Sessions.—The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be styled the Annual Session. Special sessions shall be held on the call of the Grand Master. When in Annual or Special Session, fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the session shall have been disposed of. The Annual Session shall be held at the city of Springfield, except when otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote, by the Grand Lodge convened in Annual Session. A Special Session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call.

254. Sec. 2—Annual and Special Sessions.—At the Annual Sessions the elective Grand Officers shall be elected, and all business requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge transacted. At a Special Session no business shall be transacted excepting that for which the session was called, which business must be distinctly stated in the call.

255. Sec. 3—Grand Lodge shall be opened in Grand Lodge Degree.—The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree at all times when engaged in transacting business of the Order.

256. Sec. 4—All questions in the Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting, excepting upon a call of Lodges, when representatives only shall vote, and each shall cast the number of votes to which his Lodge may be entitled. A call of Lodges may be required by any ten representatives, and whenever the vote is taken this way, the yeas and nays shall be recorded.

257. Sec. 5—Voting. Call of Lodges.—Each Lodge shall be entitled, upon a call of Lodges, to one vote for every ten members in good standing at the close of the last preceding semi-annual term; *Provided*, that any Lodge with less than ten members shall have one vote.

ARTICLE VIII.

258. Section 1—Subordinates. Charters, how granted.—Charters may be granted as follows, namely: (1) On the written application of five or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge

where there is no Lodge, or where there is no Lodge working in the language of the proposed Lodge; (2) on the written application of ten or more brothers, in good standing, to open a Lodge where not more than nine Lodges are working in the language of the proposed Lodge; (3) on a written application of twenty or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge where ten or more Lodges are working in the language of the proposed Lodge, *Provided*, the application shall be approved by at least two-thirds of the Lodges working in the language of the proposed Lodge at such place.

259. Sec. 2—Institution.—Every Lodge opened in this jurisdiction shall be instituted by the Grand Master or a Past Grand especially deputed to do the duty, who shall give to the Lodge, with the charter or warrant, the necessary instructions and charges. The expenses of the instituting officer shall be paid by the Lodge instituted.

260. Sec. 3—Reports of Subordinate Lodges shall make such annual, semi-annual and other reports as may from time to time be required by law, blank forms for which shall be furnished from the office of the Grand Secretary.

261. Sec. 4—Membership Age Limit.—No Lodge shall receive a proposition for membership from or initiate any person not twenty-one years of age.

262. Sec. 5—Capitation Tax.—Every Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such capitation tax as may from year to year, or by the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be determined upon.

ARTICLE IX.

263. Section 1—Charges.—In all cases where charges have been preferred against a Subordinate Lodge, which may involve the surrender or revocation of the Charter, Warrant or Dispensation under which such a Lodge exists, it shall become the duty of the Grand Secretary to issue a summons to such Subordinate Lodge, and to the Trustees of such Lodge, commanding them to appear before the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of this Grand Lodge on a day to be therein named, at the Lodge room of such Lodge, or such other place as shall be directed by the Grand Master in his order for the issuance of such summons; which summons shall be made returnable not less than twenty days, nor more than ninety days from and after the date thereof, and shall be served upon the said Lodge by delivering to the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, or Recording Secretary of such Lodge a copy of such summons; and the same shall be served upon the Trustees by delivering to some three or more of them a copy thereof, which service shall be evidenced by their return endorsed thereon by the officer or brother making such service,

which service may be made by the Grand Marshal or any Odd Fellow by him so authorized to do, in writing. Such summons when so served, shall be returned to the Grand Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, whenever he shall suspend a Lodge to, within ten days next thereafter, formulate and file with the Grand Secretary, charges and specifications against such Lodge, and in such case, and in all other cases where such charges and specifications shall have been preferred by another, the Grand Master shall fix a time and place for the hearing, by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, of such charges, and to direct the Grand Secretary to notify the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of such time and place, and that he prepare and furnish to the Lodge so charged one copy and to the Trustees of said Lodge one copy of such charges and specifications. And thereupon, on notice by the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall appoint one competent member of the Order to be a special commissioner, to take the testimony of witnesses, and other evidence, all of which, in so far as it may be done, shall be reduced to writing, and all parts of books, papers, or other written matters offered in evidence as exhibits, or otherwise, shall be by copy or copies duly examined and attested by the special commissioner; except in cases where the originals shall be so filed, but no testimony of witnesses, or other evidence, shall be so taken, until notice of the time and place of the taking of such evidence shall have been given to the Noble Grand or Secretary, and at least three of the Trustees of the Lodge, at least three days prior to such taking; nor until the special commissioner shall have subscribed in duplicate a pledge or obligation in substantially the following form :

I,.....,Special Commissioner appointed by the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Illinois, to take the evidence under charges and specifications against..... Lodge, No..... I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois, do pledge my honor as an Odd Fellow that I will discharge the duties of such commissioner fully, fairly and impartially, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

(Signed)

One copy of which shall be filed with the Grand Secretary as evidence of the acceptance of such appointment, and one copy shall be filed by such commissioner with his report of the evidence by him taken; and such commissioner shall require each witness who is an Odd Fellow to subscribe to a like pledge or obligation to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, touching the matters in controversy, before such witness shall be examined; and if such witness is not an Odd Fellow, shall require him or her to be sworn before some officer by law authorized to administer oaths to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, touching the matters in controversy, and all the competent and proper testimony of such witnesses shall be taken by interrogatories and answers; at which taking of testimony all parties interested shall

have the right to appear and examine or cross-examine such witnesses, either in person or by agent, or other counsel.

Provided, That no agent or counsel who is not an Odd Fellow shall be permitted to appear for either or any party, and such commissioner, by the consent of the parties appearing before him, or for good cause shown, or of his own motion, may continue from day to day to take such testimony, or may adjourn the taking thereof to a time and place named by him; which shall be by him publicly announced, and also entered upon his official report of such testimony. When the commissioner shall have completed the taking of the testimony, he shall so certify upon the same and shall immediately transmit the whole of such testimony, evidence and exhibits, properly marked and attested, to the Grand Secretary, who shall immediately notify the Grand Master and each member of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, whose duty it shall be to appear at the time and place named for the trial of said cause, when and where they shall proceed to hear and determine said cause.

Provided, That for good cause shown they may postpone such hearing, or continue the hearing to a time and place to be determined by them, and may make and enforce any order not inconsistent with the principles of the Order nor in violation of any law of this Grand Lodge or the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which they may deem proper and consistent with the principles of justice, and in all their proceedings and rulings they, as nearly as may be, shall be governed by the rules and usages of Courts of Equity Jurisdiction in this State. And when they shall have heard and determined the issues presented by such charges and specifications, they shall publicly (that is, to members of the Order) announce their judgment, and shall reduce their opinion and judgment to writing, subscribe the same, and thereupon transmit the same, together with all the papers, evidence, etc., in their possession and relating to such cause, to the Grand Secretary, and the finding and judgment so made shall stand and be held to be the judgment of this Grand Lodge.

Provided, That any member of the Order, or such Lodge, by any three of its officers or Trustees, shall be permitted to prosecute an appeal to the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master, if the Grand Lodge is not in session, by giving notice in writing of such appeal within thirty days next after the filing of such judgment, which notice shall be filed with the Grand Secretary.

Provided, That such judgment shall be read to this Grand Lodge at its next session, and shall be subject to review thereby.

Provided, further, That any member of this Lodge so charged may personally or by agent (being an Odd Fellow) appear before said committee at the time of said trial and enter his personal plea of not guilty of all such charges and specifications, and said committee at such time and place (after they shall have determined the

issues as to said Lodge) as they shall select, shall hear such evidence as such brother or brothers may present tending to prove his or their innocence of the offense charged, and if said committee shall determine that any such brother is in fact innocent of any such offense, they shall enter final judgment acquitting such brother thereof, and shall make such order as will, in so far as may be under the circumstance, restore the brother or brothers to all rights and privileges in the Order, such as issuing to him from the office of the Grand Secretary a card, as in the case of a defunct Lodge, etc., and it shall become the duty of the Grand Master to carry into effect and enforce such judgment.

ARTICLE X.

264. Section 1—Amendments.—This Constitution shall be altered or amended only by a proposition therefor in writing, submitted at an Annual Session, which proposition shall set forth the section to be altered or amended as it would read if amended or altered. The proposition shall be entered at length on the Journal and shall not be acted upon until the next Annual Session, when it may be considered and adopted. But if by changes in legislation or otherwise any part of this Constitution shall be found to be contrary to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, such part may, without previous notice, be stricken out or amended to conform to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

265. Sec. 2—Vote necessary.—Two-thirds of all votes cast shall be necessary to adopt an amendment to this Constitution, and the vote shall be taken of the members present by division and count, unless the vote by Lodges be called, in which case the vote shall be according to Article VII, Section 4, of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

- ARTICLE I.—Meetings.
 “ II.—Subordinates.
 “ III.—Amendments.

ARTICLE I.

266. Section 1—Meetings, when convened.—This Grand Lodge, at each Annual Session, shall convene, on the first day of the session, at seven o'clock P. M., and adjourn from time to time until the business of the session is completed, unless otherwise ordered specially by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

267. Sec. 2—In the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, the chair may be taken, *pro tempore*, by any member

of the Grand Lodge who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

268. Sec. 3—Prayer.—The meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be opened with prayer.

ARTICLE II.

269. Section 1—Subordinates, Failure to hold meetings.—Should any Subordinate Lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by the Constitution for one year, it shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its charter forfeited. It shall be the duty of Subordinates to make out their returns previous to installation.

270. Sec. 2—In case of forfeiture of charter, property reverts to G. L.—In all cases where a Lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its charter shall have been forfeited, the charter, funds, books, properties and effects of all kinds shall revert to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers of such Lodge to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or the brother deputed by him to receive them, such funds and other effects as the Lodge may have claim to.

271. Sec. 3—Members of a defunct Lodge who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such Lodge, or who may have paid to the Grand Lodge all arrearages then due by them, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, which shall entitle them to the same privileges as a withdrawal card, and for the same time, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge; *Provided*, that no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled Lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

272. Sec. 4—Countenancing spurious Lodge.—Any Lodge or brother who shall be concerned in organizing, or who shall countenance or support, or who shall knowingly visit any Lodge in the State of Illinois, purporting to be Odd Fellows, and not possessing a legal, unreclaimed and valid charter, duly granted and presented or confirmed by this Grand Lodge, shall be deemed unworthy of fellowship; and such brother, upon satisfactory proof, shall be suspended or expelled, at the option of the Lodge of which he is a member; and any brother so suspended or expelled shall not be reinstated unless the Grand Lodge assents thereto; nor shall any person who has been in membership in any spurious or illegal Lodge be received into any regular Lodge without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

273. Sec. 5—Subordinate Lodges shall punish their members who may be guilty of immoral conduct; and after charges have been preferred for immoral conduct, and sustained, they shall award such punishment as is provided therefor in their Constitution and By-Laws, and as the rules and usages of the Order demand; in default of which the Subordinate neglecting or refusing to award punishment shall be liable to forfeit its charter.

274. Sec. 6—Seal.—Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a suitable seal (a proof-impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary); and all of its official communications shall be sealed therewith.

275. Sec. 7—Regalia.—No Subordinate Lodge shall appear in procession in regalia, except to attend the funeral of a brother, or to celebrate the anniversary-day of the Order, April 26, without first having obtained permission so to do in the manner prescribed by law.

276. Sec. 8—The following shall be the form of a certificate of a representative to the Grand Lodge :

..... LODGE, NO. I. O. O. F.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

This is to certify that....., Past Grand, has been duly elected representative of this Lodge in your Grand Body for two years.

[I. s.] In testimony whereof, we hereunto affix our hands and the seal of our Lodge this..... day of..... 18....

Attest,..... *Secretary.* *N. G.*

277. Sec. 9—CLAUSE 1.—The representatives to this Grand Lodge shall be elected and hold office for two years; one-half of them being chosen each year; *Provided*, that said representatives shall not be entitled to mileage and *per diem* if the semi-annual reports and tax of their Lodges have not been received by the Grand Secretary prior to the first day of November.

CLAUSE 2.—Each Subordinate Lodge shall, on the night and immediately after the installation of officers, in April, biennially, from among the qualified Past Grands in membership in the Lodge, elect by ballot and in the same manner as prescribed for the election of officers, one representative to this Grand Lodge; *Provided*, that when a public installation is had, the election may be at the next regular meeting thereafter.

CLAUSE 3.—Immediately after the election of representative, each Lodge, by its officers, shall execute the proper certificate as set forth in the preceding section, in duplicate; one copy of which shall be forwarded without delay, by mail, directly to the Grand Secretary; the other copy shall be delivered to the representative-elect.

CLAUSE 4.—When a vacancy arises in the representation of a Lodge, from any cause, the Lodge may, in its discretion, fill the same; but the election for filling such vacancy shall not take place until the next regular meeting after the decision to fill the vacancy has been made; *Provided, however*, that when, on account of such delay of one week, there will not be sufficient or reasonable time allowed to the representative-elect to prepare to attend the next ensuing session of the Grand Lodge or to travel thereto, the Lodge may fill the vacancy forthwith.

CLAUSE 5.—The representatives shall be divided into two classes—the first class being those that represent odd-numbered Lodges, and the second class those that represent even-numbered Lodges. The first class shall be elected biennially in odd-numbered years, and the second class biennially in even-numbered years.

278. Sec. 10—Meeting in taverns prohibited.—No Lodge-room of any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be established, and no meetings of any Lodge shall be holden, in a tavern or hotel, under penalty of forfeiture of their charter, without express permission by this Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

279. Sec. 11—Membership. Jurisdiction.—No Subordinate Lodge in this State shall admit to membership or deposit of card, any person residing nearer another Lodge working in the same language, without the consent of such Lodge having been first obtained in writing, and payment to such Lodge of the amount of fees for initiation and degrees charged by the Lodge receiving such member; *Provided, however*, the Lodge giving such consent in writing, may also, in writing, if it so desires, waive the payment to it of the above named fees for initiation and degrees; *Provided*, that in a city or village in which there are two or more Lodges, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III.

280. Amendments.—These By-Laws shall not be amended unless the section proposed to be amended shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing as it would read if amended as proposed. The proposed amendment shall be read twice at length, and on the second reading may be put upon its passage; when, if it shall receive a number of votes equal to a majority of all the representatives elected to the Grand Lodge, it shall be considered adopted. A proposition to repeal a section or other part of the By-Laws shall be made in writing and shall set forth in full the section or other part proposed to be repealed, which proposition shall be read twice at length; and on its second reading may be put upon its passage. If it shall receive a number of votes equal to a majority of all the representatives elected to the Grand Lodge, it shall be considered adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULES OF ORDER.

- ARTICLE I.—Order of business.
 “ II.—Decorum.
 “ III.—Of the Chair.
 “ IV.—Of debate.
 “ V.—Of questions and vote.
 “ VI.—Of Committees' report.
 “ VII.—Amendments, etc., to rules.

ARTICLE I.

281. (1.) Order of business.—The presiding officer taking the chair calls the Lodge to order, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be general silence.

(2.) The brethren being clothed in proper regalia, and officers and members being at their respective stations, the presence of a quorum is ascertained, when the Grand Master calls up the Lodge, and follows this order of business:

First—Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Second—Proclamation by the Grand Marshal of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Third—Minutes read and approved.

Fourth—Report of Committee on Credentials.

Fifth—New members admitted and instructed.

Sixth—Petitions read and referred.

Seventh—Communications read.

Eighth—Financial accounts read and referred.

Ninth—Appeals read and referred.

Tenth—Reports of Standing Committees, in the following order:

(1.) Committee on the State of the Order.

(2.) Committee on Legislation.

(3.) Committee on Finance.

(4.) Committee on Rebekah Degree.

(5.) Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

(6.) Committee on Railroads.

(7.) Committee on Printing.

(8.) Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Eleventh—Reports of Special Committees, by seniority.

Twelfth—Unfinished business, by priority.

Thirteenth—New business.

(3.) The reports of the Committee on Credentials are privileged to take priority to all other business, until disposed of; but the

reports of all other committees, after having been submitted, shall take their place in order among the unfinished business.

(4.) The order of business, as here arranged, may at any time, for an occasion be changed or dispensed with by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

282. (1.) Decorum.—During the continuance of the meeting the most decorous silence must be observed.

(2.) No member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, nor refuse to obey the Chair.

(3.) Each officer and member shall be designated, in debate or otherwise, by his office or title in the Order.

(4.) No member shall be permitted to speak unless clothed in proper regalia.

ARTICLE III.

283. Of the Chair.—The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote he shall ask: "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, the Grand Master shall rise to take the vote, and after he has risen no member shall be permitted to speak upon the question. The Grand Master shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it; and he shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus: "Will the Grand Lodge stand by the Chair in its decision?"

ARTICLE IV.

284. (1.) Of debate.—Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be standing, and shall respectfully address the Chair. While speaking he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language.

(2.) Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

(3.) No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

(4.) If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair he shall cease speaking and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed

(5.) No member shall speak more than once on the same question until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the Chair; but no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order after the appeal from the decision of the Chair.

ARTICLE V.

285. (1.) Of Questions and Votes.—When any communication, petition or memorial is presented, before it is read or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair, and after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the Journal.

(2.) A motion shall not be subject to action until stated by the Chair, and at the desire of any member it shall be reduced to writing.

(3.) When a blank is to be filled the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number and the longest or latest time proposed.

(4.) Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

(5.) When a question is before the Grand Lodge no motion shall be received, unless (1) to fix the time to which to adjourn; (2) to adjourn; (3) for the orders of the day; (4) to lay on the table; (5) for the previous question; (6) to postpone to a certain time; (7) to commit; (8) to amend; (9) to postpone indefinitely; which motions shall have precedence in the order herein arranged, and the first five shall be decided without debate.

(6.) After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority may, at the same or next succeeding meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof.

(7.) The previous question can be called for by two members, if seconded by a majority, and shall be put in this form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*" If carried, the question shall first be taken upon pending amendments and then upon the main question.

ARTICLE VI.

286. (1.) Of Committees' reports.—Every report of a committee shall be addressed to the Grand Lodge by its appropriate style and title (but the committee may omit the words "of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," and shall be signed by the committee.

(2.) A report of the minority of a committee shall not be received or entertained until after that of the majority shall have been presented and accepted.

(3). No report of a committee shall be considered at the same meeting of the session at which it may have been presented, unless, by general consent or upon vote taken, two-thirds of the members voting agree to consider the report at the time of its presentation.

(4.) Every report of a committee shall be complete and intelligible in itself. If it refers to portions of the reports of the Grand Officers, it shall clearly designate such portions; if it refers to any Code, Digest, Constitution or By-Laws, it shall refer by number of section and article; if it recommends the adoption of any resolution, it shall recite the resolution in full as recommended for adoption; if it recommends that a resolution be not adopted, it shall name the mover thereof, and give the purport thereof or all of it. The Grand Secretary shall aid in enforcing this rule by returning to the committee which made it, any report which does not conform to this rule; and he shall not read to the Grand Lodge any such irregular report.

ARTICLE VII.

287. (1.) Amendments.—These rules may be amended, altered or rescinded by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting.

(2.) In the absence of any special rule of this Grand Body, Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern as to all questions of parliamentary practice.

III. CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

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| ARTICLE | I.—Title, meetings. |
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ARTICLE I.

TITLE, MEETINGS.

SECTION 1.—Title.

" 2.—Meetings, quorum.

" 3.—Special meetings, how called, and powers.

288. Section 1.—Title.—This Lodge shall be constituted by at least five members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled.....Lodge, No..... I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois. ¹

¹ See Sec. 994 Ill. C., *infra*.

289. Sec. 2—Meetings, quorum.—This Lodge shall hold regular weekly meetings, except when specially otherwise allowed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Five members, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum.

290. Sec. 3—Special meetings, how called, and powers.—Special meetings shall be called by the Noble Grand on the written request of five members, or by order of the Lodge at any regular meeting. A special meeting shall not transact any business other than that specified in the call.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1.—Qualifications.

- “ 2.—Qualification by card.
- “ 3.—Ancient Odd Fellow, membership by card.
- “ 4.—Non-beneficial membership.
- “ 5.—Application for membership.
- “ 6.—Balloting.
- “ 7.—Withdrawal of proposition for membership.
- “ 8.—Rejection, notice of, etc.
- “ 9.—Membership by visiting card.

291. Section 1—Qualifications.—A candidate for membership by initiation shall be a believer in a Supreme Being, Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things. He shall not be a saloon-keeper, bartender, or professional gambler, nor be under twenty-one years of age. He shall be a white male person, of good moral character and industrious habits, having some respectable known means of support, and exempt from all infirmities which may prevent his gaining a livelihood. He shall have resided within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months previous to his application for membership, or have been so long personally known to brothers of the Order who recommend him.

292. Sec. 2—Qualification by card.—A candidate for membership by deposit of card shall be in possession of an unexpired withdrawal card and the A. T. P. W. He shall also be a resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at the time of making the application.

293. Sec. 3—Ancient Odd Fellow, membership by card.—A candidate for membership as an Ancient Odd Fellow shall have an expired withdrawal card, a dismissal certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of having legally terminated his membership; and he shall be a resident, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

294. Sec. 4—Membership, non-beneficial.—A candidate for non-beneficial membership shall have held membership in the Order for at least five consecutive years, be over fifty years of age, and be

otherwise qualified, as provided in Section 3 of this Article, for an Ancient Odd Fellow; but the holder of an unexpired withdrawal card may be admitted as a non-beneficial member.

295. Sec. 5—Membership, application for.—An application for membership shall be in the following form, to-wit:

*To the Officers and Members of.....Lodge No.....,
working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Independent
Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois:*

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge,*.....
and, in consideration of such admission, I promise to agree that, if elected, I
will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge, and those of the
Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and that I will seek my remedy for all
rights on account of said membership or connection therewith in the tribunals
of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement, in any event, or for
any purpose, to the civil courts.

My age is.....years, my occupation is.....my
residence.....and I refer to.....and.....

Which shall be signed by the applicant, and witnessed by two
members of the Lodge to which the application is directed. The ap-
plication shall be presented to the Lodge at a regular meeting thereof,
by a member, and shall be entered in substance on the records, and
referred to a special committee of three members for investigation,
who may, if they all join therein, report at the first regular meeting
thereafter; otherwise, unless further time be granted, they shall
report at the second regular meeting thereafter.

296. Sec. 6—Balloting, manner and effect of.—When
the report of the Investigating Committee has been submitted to the
Lodge, the ballot shall be held as required by law, after which the
box shall be passed by the Warden to the Vice Grand, who shall
examine the ballot and inform the Noble Grand whether the ballot
is favorable or unfavorable; the Warden shall then pass the box to
the Noble Grand, who shall inspect the ballot and announce the
result, merely stating that the candidate is elected or rejected. If
not more than two black balls appear the candidate shall be elected;
but if three or more appear, he shall be rejected. A favorable ballot
shall entitle the applicant to receive any degree or degrees of the
Subordinate Lodge not previously attained, without further ballot,
unless written objections, signed by at least two members of the
Lodge, shall be filed with the Noble Grand prior to the conferring
of the same; in which case the Noble Grand shall announce the fact
to the Lodge, when further action shall be deferred to the next regu-
lar meeting, at which meeting a ballot shall be had in all respects as
hereinbefore provided. If said ballot be favorable, the candidate
shall be entitled to the degrees upon complying with the require-
ments of Article VI of this Constitution; but if unfavorable, the de-

*NOTE.—Insert whether “by ini- “as an Ancient Odd Fellow,” or “as
tiation,” or “by deposit of card,” or a non-beneficial member.”

grees shall not be conferred until a period of six months shall have expired, and then only after a favorable ballot as above provided.

297. Sec. 7—Withdrawal of propositions for membership.—

A proposition for membership may be withdrawn without the consent of the Lodge, at any time before the committee shall have reported thereon, but not subsequently. The admission fee shall be returned if the application is refused or withdrawn; but if the candidate shall be elected and fail to appear for admission within six weeks (except for cause adjudged sufficient) the election shall be void, and the deposit forfeited to the Lodge.

298. Sec. 8—Rejection, notice.—

When a candidate for membership by initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all Lodges in the same place; and he cannot again be proposed in any Lodge until six months have elapsed. A proposition for membership otherwise than by initiation may be renewed at any time.

299. Sec. 9—Membership by visiting card.—

Any member of a Subordinate Lodge holding a visiting card, in force, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in this Lodge without having obtained a withdrawal card from the Lodge in which membership is held, and may be elected to membership in this Lodge; but such candidate shall not be entitled to full membership, nor have any of the privileges of a member of this Lodge, until a withdrawal card from the Lodge in which previous membership was held is deposited with this Lodge, nor until the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of this Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1.—Elective.

- “ 2.—Appointed.
- “ 3.—Noble Grand, his duties.
- “ 4.—Vice Grand, his duties.
- “ 5.—Secretary, his duties.
- “ 6.—Permanent Secretary, his duties.
- “ 7.—Treasurer, his duties.
- “ 8.—Junior Past Grand, his duties.
- “ 9.—Other officers, their duties.

300. Section 1—The elective officers of the Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and when deemed necessary, a Permanent Secretary.

301. Sec. 2—The appointed officers shall be a Warden, a Conductor, an Outside Guardian, an Inside Guardian, a Right and a

Left Supporter to the Noble Grand, a Right and a Left Supporter to the Vice Grand, a Right and a Left Scene Supporter, and, at the option of the Lodge, a Chaplain.

302. Sec. 3—Noble Grand and his duties.—It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to preside in the Lodge, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and laws; to see that all the officers of the Lodge and members of committees perform their respective duties; to appoint all [appointive] officers, except the supporters of the Vice Grand; to appoint the majority of all committees not otherwise provided for; to give the casting vote, only, on all matters or questions before the Lodge, except that he shall be entitled to vote in all ballots. He shall inspect and announce the result of all votes by the Lodge, have charge of the charter, which he must always have in the Lodge while in session; draw upon the Treasurer for all sums that have been voted by the Lodge, and none other. He shall convene special meetings at his own discretion, or as directed in Article I, Section 3, of this Constitution, and perform such other duties as appertain to his office. He shall not make or second any motion, neither shall he take part in any debate while in the chair.

303. Sec. 4—Vice Grand and his duties.—The Vice Grand shall assist the Noble Grand in presiding in the Lodge. He shall appoint his own supporters and the minority of all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall have special charge of the door under the Noble Grand. In the absence of the Noble Grand, he shall preside and perform all other duties required by the charges and usage of the Order.

304. Sec. 5—Secretary and his duties.—The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Lodge. He shall write all communications, fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge; issue all summonses or notices required; attest to all moneys ordered paid at regular meetings, and none other. He shall make out at the end of his term the Semi-Annual Report required by Article XI, of this Constitution, and accurately record the same and the Annual Report in the Register of Reports. He shall also, at the close of his term, make out a report for the Lodge, showing fully its work and condition during the term. He shall perform the duties of the Permanent Secretary, if none be chosen, and be exempt from all dues; he may receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to his election. He shall also keep a list of all warrants drawn on the Treasurer, recording the date, amount and name of person in whose favor drawn; and if the warrant be payable from any special fund, that fact shall appear both on the warrant and on the list. He shall also keep a register of membership, enrolling the names of members of the Lodge, with date of proposal, initiation (or signing the Constitution upon admission by card or certificate), resignation, withdrawal by card, death,

suspension, reinstatement or expulsion; also the recording the conferring of degrees and the attainment of official rank.

305. Sec. 6—Permanent Secretary, his election and duties.—

The Permanent Secretary (if any be had) shall be chosen annually, at the election in March. He shall keep the accounts between the Lodge and its members. He shall pay over to the Treasurer immediately all moneys received by him, and shall inform the Treasurer from time to time, or at the last payment in each term, how much of the money paid to him belongs to any special fund of the Lodge.

He shall notify all members who are at any time in arrears for eleven months' dues, delivering the notice in person, if practicable, but if not, then mailing it to the member's last known address; and at the expiration of the next succeeding month, if said member's account is not settled in whole or in part, sufficient to reduce his arrears to less than one full year's dues, he shall present the name of such member to the Lodge. Prior to the last meeting in March, June, September and December, respectively, he shall notify all members who are in arrears for one quarter's dues.

He shall at the close of each term make to the Lodge a detailed report of the business of his office, and have his books written up for the Finance Committee, whom he shall meet prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term to exhibit his books and papers, and to aid them in the examination thereof; and at the first regular meeting of the new term he shall present his report to the Lodge, with a statement of the balance of account of each unsuspended member. He shall make out the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge as required by Article XI, and shall deliver it to the Secretary for record and for forwarding to the Grand Lodge. He shall be exempt from all dues, and receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to his election.

306. Sec. 7—Treasurer, his election and duties.—

The Treasurer shall be elected annually at the election in March, and prior to his installation in office shall give a joint and several bond to the Trustees of the Lodge, with two sureties to be approved by the Lodge, with such penalties and conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge. Such bond, before being presented to the Lodge, must have been submitted to and approved by a majority of the Trustees. He shall keep the funds, notes and securities of the Lodge; pay all orders drawn on him by the Noble Grand and attested by the Secretary, and none others; keep a full account of all moneys expended, and give the Lodge, at the first meeting in each month, a statement of its funds. He shall keep a separate account of any special fund instituted by the Lodge, and report to the Permanent Secretary, at or before the last meeting in each term, any money received by him as interest or dividends on any notes, securities or stocks held by him. He shall make for the Lodge, at the close of his term, a full report of his receipts and disbursements,

and have his books written up for the Finance Committee, whom he shall meet prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term, to exhibit his books, papers, securities, bonds, funds, and other property in his possession; and at the first regular meeting of the next term he shall present his report to the Lodge. He shall pay over and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, bonds, books, papers, and other property in his possession or under his control, belonging to the Lodge, to his successor in office, or to such person as the Lodge may appoint to receive the same.

307. Sec. 8—Junior Past Grand, duties.—It shall be the duty of the Junior Past Grand of this Lodge to act in the capacity of Past Grand, and to deliver the charge of that office to candidates. Any Past Grand may act as Noble Grand or Vice Grand when legally called thereto.

308. Sec. 9—Other officers.—All other officers [that is, all others than those enumerated in previous sections of the Constitution] shall perform such duties as are prescribed for them by the regulations and charges of their offices and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1.—Enumerated.

- “ 2.—Of Trustees, election, duties, etc.
- “ 3.—Visiting Committee, duties, etc.
- “ 4.—Finance Committee, appointment, etc.

309. Section 1—Standing Committees.—The Standing Committees of this Lodge shall be a Committee of Trustees, a Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee, and such others as may be created by the By-Laws.

310. Sec. 2—Five Trustees shall annually be chosen by ballot at the regular election in March, and a plurality of votes shall elect. The term of office of Trustees shall begin on April first following their election, after having qualified as herein below provided, and shall hold their office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified by filing certificate of election as herein provided.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary, within one week after said election, to file with the County Recorder of the county where such Lodge is located, a certificate of the election of said Trustees, such certificate setting forth also that the term of office of said Trustees begins on April the first following.¹

It shall be the duty of the said newly elected Trustees when qualified as above, to approve the bonds of the newly elected officers; also to act as an Executive Committee of the Lodge in carrying out

¹ See Sec. 994 *infra*.

all acts not otherwise provided for; to procure Lodge room, fuel, lights, regalia, and all things necessary for the comfort of the Lodge, under its directions. They shall have the guardianship of all widows and orphans of the Lodge, and carry out all provisions of the Lodge in relation to them; and shall from time to time recommend such action as they may deem necessary for the prosperity of the Lodge; they shall present to the Lodge at the close of their term of office, a written report of their proceedings.

311. Sec. 3—The Visiting Committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom shall be the Noble Grand. They shall keep themselves informed at all times as to the condition of a brother who has been reported sick; they shall report to the Lodge what benefits he is entitled to; and they shall provide for his care and watch, as his case may require. If a member of another Lodge be sick and apply to this Lodge for relief, his case shall be referred to the Visiting Committee as if he were a member of this Lodge, and if he be entitled to receive benefits from his own Lodge, this Lodge shall advance the sum thus due him, and forward an account of the same to his Lodge without delay. The Lodge may, by By-Law, add to the number of this committee and prescribe more specific details of their duty; *Provided*, that in cities or towns having more than two Lodges the Relief Committee of the different Lodges may, if they see fit, appoint one of their number to act with a like number from the other Lodges in the town or city, as a special Visiting Committee, whose duties shall be the care of traveling or sojourning brothers who may be sick or disabled in the town or city where such Lodges exist.

312. Sec. 4—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the Noble Grand on the night of his installation. They shall audit and inspect the accounts, books, securities, bonds, funds and other property in the hands of the Treasurer, and the books and reports of the Secretaries, and of other officers and committees charged with the receipt and expenditure of money. For this purpose they shall fix a time and place to meet the Secretaries and Treasurer, after the last regular meeting in each semi-annual term, and shall report in writing at the first regular meeting in the next term. They shall also examine all other financial matters referred to them, and report thereon to the Lodge as soon as practicable. Neither the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Permanent Secretary, nor any member of the Board of Trustees, shall be a member of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTIONS, ETC.

SECTION 1.—Eligibility.

“ 2.—Scarlet Degree essential.

“ 3.—Nominations for offices.

SECTION 4.—Time of election and tenure.

“ 5.—Election of officers.

“ 6.—Vacancy, when may be declared and how filled.

313. Section 1—Eligibility.—No brother shall be eligible to the chair of the Noble Grand unless he has served a regular term as Vice Grand; nor shall any brother be eligible as Vice Grand unless he has served one term in some inferior office. But if all qualified members refuse to accept the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand, a Third Degree member may, under dispensation, be elected to either of said offices without previous service.

314. Sec. 2—Scarlet Degree essential.—All elective and appointed officers must have the Scarlet Degree before they are installed.

315. Sec. 3—Nominations for elective officers may be made at the regular meeting next preceding the night of election, and on the night of election immediately previous to the election for each office.

316. Sec. 4—Time of election and tenure.—The elective officers, except the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary, shall be chosen at the first regular meetings in March and September, and shall hold their respective offices for six months and until their successors shall have been installed. They shall be installed at the first meetings in April and October. The Treasurer and the Permanent Secretary, if there be one, shall be elected in March and shall be installed at the first meeting in April, and both shall serve for one year. If a public installation of officers be had, it may be at any other time than that specified above, but not prior to the first meetings in April and October.

317. Sec. 5—The election of officers shall be by ballot, except in cases where there is but one candidate for an office, when the election may be by acclamation. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to an election. Ballots for persons not properly in nomination shall be considered blanks; and blanks shall be counted as votes. When there are several candidates, and there is no choice, at each successive balloting the name of the candidate having the smallest number of votes in the preceding ballot shall be dropped from the nomination.

318. Sec. 6—Vacancy may be declared, manner of and how filled.—If any officer shall be absent for three successive meetings, except for sickness, his office may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, if he is an elective officer, but by the officer who appointed him, if he is an appointed officer. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the former selection, to serve the residue of the term; and the officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the office.

ARTICLE VI.

DEGREES.

- SECTION 1.—Qualifications for.
 “ 2.—Additional degrees, how obtained.
 “ 3.—Certificate for degrees.

319. Section 1—Qualification.—Degrees.—No degree shall be conferred upon a candidate until, by examination in open Lodge, he shall have been found proficient in the highest degree he shall have attained; *i.e.*, in possession of the unwritten work thereof, so as to give an intelligent explanation of its uses and, as near as may be, in the language of said work; *Provided, however*, that when urgent necessity is shown, and a dispensation therefor shall have been granted, such examination may be dispensed with, and one or more degrees conferred upon an initiate on the night of his initiation, or upon a First Degree member on the night of his receiving said degree.

320. Sec. 2—Additional degrees, manner of obtaining.—A member desiring to receive any degree, or degrees, shall pay to the Secretary of the Lodge the fee, or fees, therefor, who shall, under the proper order of business, make known his desire to the Lodge, at a regular meeting thereof, stating which degree, or degrees, are desired; whereupon, the candidate being in waiting, the Lodge shall be opened in the highest degree the candidate has attained, when he shall be admitted and examined by the Noble Grand, or other brother, under his direction, as to his proficiency, as required in the preceding section; after which, the candidate having retired, the Noble Grand shall put the question as to his proficiency to a vote of the Lodge while open in that degree; and if a majority declare him proficient, the degree shall be conferred upon him, but if declared not proficient, it shall not be conferred until, upon further examination, he shall be declared proficient. The conferring of degrees may be done at special meetings called for that purpose.

321. Sec. 3—Certificate for degrees.—A member absent from this Lodge who shall have paid the fee, or fees, for any of the degrees may, upon application, receive a certificate requesting any Lodge to which it may be presented, to confer upon him the degree, or degrees, therein specified.

ARTICLE VII.

DROPPINGS, TRIALS AND PENALTIES.

- SECTION 1.—In arrears for dues and assessments.
 “ 2.—Penalties.
 “ 3.—Violation of the laws or offense. Notice thereof to whom and how given.

- SECTION 4.—Complaint by member, by other Lodge or by member thereof, how preferred.
- “ 5.—Charges, procedure on. Copy and notice to accused; Commissioner taking evidence, passing on objections.
- “ 6.—Copy of charges, citation or notice, permanent absence of accused; N. G. may appoint counsel.
- “ 7.—Trial, time, place and manner of; vote on guilt and punishment.
- “ 8.—Suspension, time of and effect; does not suspend dues and arrearages.
- “ 9.—Misconduct confessed.
- “ 10.—Legal penalties.
- “ 11.—Penalties for intoxication.
- “ 12.—Definite penalty.
- “ 13.—Evasion of process, refusal or neglect to attend trial, contempt.
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- “ 21.—Evidence and record.
- “ 22.—Record, returns, appeal.
- “ 23.—Vote by ballot.
- “ 23a.—When in contempt, punishment.

322. Section 1—In arrears for dues, etc.—Any member who shall become in arrears for the dues and assessments accruing against him during the period of one full year shall, after having been notified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution,¹ be declared by the Noble Grand dropped from membership, unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct.

323. Sec. 2—Penalties.—If any member of this Lodge shall be found guilty of conduct contrary to the laws of the Order, or in violation of its principles as set forth in its lectures, charges and obligations, or shall be found guilty of any dishonest or immoral act or practice, injurious to himself, his family, or to society, or by which the Order may be scandalized, he shall be subjected to such penalty as the laws of this jurisdiction or the discretion of the Lodge may prescribe.

324. Sec. 3—Notice of violation, to whom and how given.—If any member of this Lodge shall have reason to believe that any other has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, as shown in the preceding section, it shall be his duty immediately to give notice of such violation or offense, in writing, to the Noble Grand. The Noble Grand shall forthwith refer a copy of such written communication, concealing the name of the informant, to a special committee of three members; which committee shall proceed, without delay, to investigate the matter therein stated; and if, in their opinion, there is just ground therefor, they shall, as early as prac-

¹ Art. III, Sec. 6.

licable, prefer a charge, or charges, against the member so accused, specifying therein the particular matter of offense with which he is charged; and the committee shall have charge of the prosecution on the part of the Lodge.

325. Sec. 4—Who may prefer complaint.—Any other Lodge in this jurisdiction, or a member of any other Lodge, if his own Lodge will forward his complaint attesting his good standing, or a member of this Lodge, may prefer an open complaint or information against any member of this Lodge; and such complaint shall be treated as complaints or informations mentioned in Section 3, of this Article; but the complaint shall be read in open Lodge and the committee thereon there appointed.

326. Sec. 5—Charges, procedure on.—Whenever a charge, or charges, are preferred against a member, they shall be read in open Lodge, at a regular meeting. The Secretary shall immediately furnish a copy thereof, under seal of the Lodge, to the member so accused, and at the same time cite said member to appear before the Lodge at the second regular meeting thereafter and plead guilty or not guilty to each charge and specification; and if he pleads not guilty, then the Noble Grand shall appoint a competent member of the Lodge as a commissioner or committee of one to take the evidence, both for the Lodge and the accused, in deposition form, by writing down both the questions and answers in full, and that the said Commissioner to take evidence shall be first obligated by the Noble Grand to perform such duty, and he shall be authorized to obligate witnesses who may be members of the Order, and cause such witnesses who may not be members of the Order to be obligated by a proper officer authorized to administer oaths. Said Commissioner shall have power to pass upon the competency of evidence, and if objections are made to his ruling, he shall note said objection, together with the question and answer, in the depositions. If the accused appears when cited and pleads not guilty, the case shall be continued two weeks from the night the citation is returnable, to give each side an opportunity to have the Secretary cite their witnesses to appear before the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall have power to continue the taking of said evidence from day to day, and when the evidence is all taken, said Commissioner shall report the same to the Noble Grand over his certificate.

The Noble Grand shall rule as to whether said evidence objected to before the Commissioner shall be read to the Lodge, and for the purpose of passing upon the same, he shall, not later than three days before the fourth regular meeting of the Lodge, at a time and place selected by him, after notifying the committee of the Lodge having the prosecution in charge, and the accused or his attorney, in writing, of such time and place hear both the prosecution and defense before passing upon the objected evidence. The

Noble Grand, after hearing both sides, shall mark upon the depositions, at the place where the objected evidence may appear, either the word overruled or sustained, as the case may be, and the evidence read to the Lodge shall be only that which the Noble Grand has overruled the objections thereto.

327. Sec. 6—Serving of copy of charges, appointment of Counsel.—If the Secretary is unable personally to serve a copy of the charges and citation on an accused member, by reason of his permanent absence, concealment or incarceration, a copy of the citation and charges left at his usual or last known place of abode, or deposited in the mail, so directed, shall be deemed a legal notice or citation; and the Lodge may proceed with the trial as if the accused were present. The Noble Grand shall appoint counsel to defend him if none appears for him.

328. Sec. 7—Time, place and manner of trial. Vote on guilt and punishment.—The Lodge, at said fourth regular meeting, or at such other time as may then be fixed, shall open in the highest degree which the accused has attained, if he be not of the Third Degree, and shall listen to the reading of the evidence taken by the Commissioner, both for the Lodge and the accused. The accused shall be heard in his own behalf in person or by counsel, and the committee appointed to prosecute on behalf of the Lodge shall have the right to also address the Lodge. The Lodge shall then proceed to vote upon the charge or charges preferred; but no member shall be entitled to vote unless he were present during the whole of the reading of the testimony and of the arguments thereon. If the charges be sustained, in whole or in part, by a vote of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote on the question, the accused shall retire to the ante-room. The Secretary shall then read to the Lodge the charge or charges, or part or parts thereof, that have been sustained, when the Noble Grand, without motion, shall proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment—expulsion; and if that be not agreed to, he shall put the next—suspension; and shall so proceed until some order of punishment is agreed to by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. One penalty only shall be inflicted as the result of one trial.

329. Sec. 8—Suspension, time of, effect:—Whenever the Lodge shall determine upon suspension, a motion may be made to fix the time, and two amendments may be offered thereto, which shall be decided without debate. The Noble Grand shall put them to vote, commencing with the longest period of time therein named; and if all of them be rejected, a second motion may be made, and two amendments permitted thereto, which shall be put to vote in a like manner; and the Lodge shall so proceed until some period of suspension is agreed to. But suspension of membership shall work no suspension of dues and arrearages, but they shall run on during

the time of suspension. If the Lodge shall decide to punish by fine, the same course shall be adopted in determining the amount thereof as is above provided in fixing the time of suspension; and in either case, of fixing the time of suspension or amount of fine, the majority of the members present shall decide the period of time or amount. But no suspension shall be shorter than eight days, nor longer than one year.

330. Sec. 9—Misconduct when confessed.—When the misconduct is confessed by the accused brother, the Lodge to which such case is referred may proceed to vote upon his punishment without the formula of a trial.

331. Sec. 10—Legal Penalties.—The only legal penalties for misconduct are fine, reprimand, suspension and expulsion. Fine is not allowed as penalty for violation of the principles of the Order.

332. Sec. 11—Penalties for intoxication.—The penalty for intoxication is reprimand for the first offense, suspension for the second and expulsion for the third; and no other penalties are legal.

333. Sec. 12—Definite penalty.—When a definite penalty is fixed by law for any offense, a brother convicted thereof is sentenced without further vote; if alternatives are fixed, the Lodge chooses one of them by vote.

334. Sec. 13—Evasion of process, contempt.—If any accused member shall evade the receiving of a citation, or, after receiving the same, shall neglect or refuse to attend the Lodge at the time therein fixed, and there remain throughout the investigation or trial of his case, the Lodge may proceed in his absence to expel him for contempt.

335. Sec. 14—New trial, etc.—At all stages of the proceedings the accused shall have all opportunity to vindicate himself; and in case of suspension or expulsion following the constructive citation provided for in Section 6, of this Article, or in case of alleged contempt, the accused shall be entitled to a new trial at any time within six months, if he shall show that his absence was produced by unavoidable circumstances, or that injustice was done him.

336. Sec. 15—Appeal.—The accused or any three members feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge in a trial shall be entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which appeal must be entered according to the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge on the matter of appeals. On command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be acquitted or tried anew for the same offense.

337. Sec. 16—Notice of suspension or expulsion.—Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary and to all the Lodges in

the same place; and a brother who has been legally expelled shall not be admitted to membership again without consent of the Grand Lodge.

338. Sec. 17—False accusations.—If any member of the Lodge shall make to the Noble Grand any accusation against a brother, under Section 3, of this Article, which shall be proved to be without reasonable grounds, or false and malicious, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to deliver up the name of the informant to the Lodge, on demand of a majority of the members thereof present, that he may be dealt with accordingly.

339. Sec. 18—Record of expulsion.—This Lodge shall have a blank book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons expelled by this Lodge, or any other Lodge of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of each expulsion.

340. Sec. 19—Venue may be changed, how.—If at any time before passing upon the objected evidence by the Noble Grand, the accused or three members of a Lodge in which charges may be preferred against a member are of the opinion that the accused will not receive an impartial trial at the hands of the Lodge, and present such opinion in writing, such paper, together with such evidence as may be desired bearing upon the question of prejudice in the Lodge, shall be forwarded to the Grand Master; and if he orders the case changed to another Lodge, then, when the register of written evidence is reported by the Commissioner, the case shall be removed to the named Lodge.

A copy of the record of all proceedings up to the time of removal shall be sent to the Lodge to which removal is made, with the original papers of the case, and a transcript of all letters relating thereto; the Noble Grand and such Lodge shall proceed to the hearing, scrutiny and decision as if the accusation had been first therein preferred. The Lodge from which the venue is changed shall pay all necessary expenses incurred in such trial by the Lodge to which the venue is changed.

341. Sec. 20—Trial to proceed.—Upon such removal, the Prosecuting Committee or some advocate appointed by the Noble Grand of the removing Lodge, may present the case, and the accused may appear by himself or attorney, as if no such removal had taken place.

342. Sec. 21—Evidence and taking of testimony.—If any member of the Order residing near the removing Lodge, who cannot attend the trial after the removal, be summoned as a witness on either side, his testimony may be taken in the manner above provided respecting the testimony of persons not members of the Order, and may be made a part of the register of evidence; and all oral evi-

dence taken at the trial shall be reduced to writing and added to the register of evidence transferred by the removing Lodge.

343. Sec. 22—Record, returns, appeal.—When the matter has been determined, a copy of the record of the proceedings had thereon, with the register of the evidence, shall be returned to the removing Lodge; and the same shall be filed in its archives, and the judgment entered upon its records. An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be had in case of a removed trial, as in other cases.

344. Sec. 23—Votes by ballot.—All votes taken under the provisions of this Article shall be by ballot with balls.

345. Sec. 23^a—Contempt when in punishment.—If any member of the Order who shall have been duly notified to appear and give evidence, shall fail to appear as notified, or appearing, shall refuse to answer questions as a witness, he shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and the Lodge may proceed to expel said member for contempt.

ARTICLE VIII.

REINSTATEMENT.

SECTION 1.—Within one year for non-payment of dues.

“ 2.—After one year.

“ 3.—As non-beneficial.

“ 4.—Within five years and withdrawal card.

“ 5.—Of expelled members.

“ 6.—Notice of.

346. Section 1—Reinstatement within one year for non-payment of dues.—A brother dropped for the non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge may, within one year after being dropped, be reinstated upon application made in open Lodge by a member thereof, which shall be held over until the second meeting thereafter, the Secretary reading the same at each meeting, and be determined affirmatively on a ballot by a majority of the votes cast, and upon payment of such amount as the By-Laws of the Lodge may prescribe.

347. Sec. 2—Reinstatement after one year.—If a brother dropped for non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge shall, after one year from being dropped, make application for reinstatement, his application shall be treated like a proposition for membership by initiation, except that the vote of a majority on ballot shall reinstate him.

348. Sec. 3—Reinstatement as non-beneficial.—A brother dropped from membership in this Lodge who may have been in membership in the Order for five consecutive years, and who may be

over fifty years of age, may be reinstated as a non-beneficial member by a majority on ballot. His application must state age, occupation and residence, and be disposed of as required in the preceding section.

349. Sec. 4—Reinstatement within five years and withdrawal card.—A brother dropped from membership in this Lodge who shall, at any time within five years from being dropped, make written application for reinstatement and a withdrawal card for the purpose of joining another Lodge in Illinois, may be reinstated and granted a withdrawal card by a majority vote upon ballot; and the reinstating vote shall grant the card also without further ballot. But such application may, at the option of the Lodge, be referred to a committee for investigation, and shall be reported upon and acted on as soon thereafter as practicable.

350. Sec. 5—Reinstatement of expelled members.—A member expelled by this Lodge may apply in writing for reinstatement. The application shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall ascertain whether the applicant has made such reformation, reparation or apology as is appropriate and shall report to the Lodge. After reception of the report, the Lodge shall ballot on the application. If two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of reinstatement, the Secretary shall write to the Grand Lodge for permission to reinstate him; and if it be granted, he shall be thereby reinstated. No expelled member shall be reinstated without the payment of the same fee that is required from an initiate of the same age. But members expelled for non-payment before such action was forbidden shall be reinstated as dropped members.

351. Sec. 6—Notice of reinstatement.—When a suspended or expelled member shall have been reinstated, either by expiration of sentence or action of the Grand Lodge, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary and to all Lodges in the same place.

ARTICLE IX.

CARDS, DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES AND RESIGNATIONS.

SECTION 1.—Ending membership by withdrawal card, dismissal certificate and resignation.

- “ 2.—Withdrawal card, application for.
- “ 3.—Withdrawal card refused, resignation tendered, certificate thereof issued.
- “ 4.—Visiting card, when and how granted.
- “ 5.—Dismissal certificates, when, how and to whom granted.

352. Section 1—Ending membership by withdrawal card, dismissal certificate and resignation.—A member of this Lodge may end his membership therein by taking a withdrawal card or a dismiss-

sal certificate; and he may end his membership in this Lodge and in the Order also by presenting a written resignation of membership. No resignation of membership or application for withdrawal card shall be entertained from any one who is not clear on the books.

353. Sec. 2—Withdrawal card, application for.—A withdrawal card may be granted to any member by a vote of a majority upon ballot at a regular meeting. Application therefor must be made by the member in person or in writing, and shall lie over one week for final action, except that when the applicant has left the vicinity of the Lodge, or it is his known purpose to leave before the next meeting, or to join in a petition for a new Lodge, the card may be granted without delay.

354. Sec. 3—Withdrawal card refused, resignation tendered, certificate thereof issued.—If the Lodge refuses to grant a withdrawal card applied for, the applicant may tender a written resignation of membership; he shall then be entitled to receive from the Secretary a certificate, under the seal of the Lodge, that he has resigned membership, as evidence of his good standing at that time.

355. Sec. 4—Visiting card, when and how granted.—A visiting card may be granted to any member by vote of the Lodge at a regular or special meeting, or by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary at any other time, when application for the same is made to them in writing; but it shall not be made out until he shall have paid all charges on the books against him, his dues to the expiration of the card, and the price of the card; *Provided*, that a Lodge may provide by By-Law that when a member pays one year's dues in advance, the card may be granted without fee for same.

356. Sec. 5—Dismissal certificates, when, how and to whom granted.—Dismissal certificates shall be granted by this Lodge, and issued by the Noble Grand and Secretary without vote of the Lodge, upon proper written application therefor, and the payment of one dollar to any member dropped for non-payment of dues, unless charges are preferred.

ARTICLE X.

FEES, DUES, BENEFITS AND FUNDS.

- SECTION 1.—Fees for membership, reinstatement, degrees and cards; payments, how applied.
- “ 2.—Fees for membership.
- “ 3.—Fees for degrees.
- “ 4.—Fees for reinstatement.
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“ 11.—Standing of non-beneficial member.

“ 12.—Special funds conserved, application of.

“ 13.—Stocks, funds, disposition of.

357. Section 1—Fees for membership, reinstatement, degrees and cards; payments, how applied.—No person shall be admitted to membership or reinstated in this Lodge, or receive any degree, or a card, until he shall have paid the amount required therefor by this Constitution or the By-Laws. When dues and special assessments or fines stand charged upon account, the payments made shall apply to these in the order of their accruing.

358. Sec. 2—Fees for membership.—No person shall be admitted to membership in this Lodge for a less sum than is herein provided, viz.: By initiation, five dollars; by deposit of card, two dollars; as an Ancient Odd Fellow, five dollars; and as a non-beneficial member, five dollars.

359. Sec. 3—Fees for degrees.—The fee for each degree shall not be less than three dollars.

360. Sec. 4—Fees for reinstatement.—No member shall be reinstated after having been dropped for non-payment of dues for less sums than are herein provided, viz.: Under Article VIII, Section 1, of this Constitution, the amount of one year's dues, neither more nor less; under Article VIII, Section 2, the same fee as is charged for an initiate of the same age, or such lesser sum (not less than one year's dues) as the By-Laws may prescribe; under Article VIII, Section 3, a sum not less than one year's dues; under Article VIII, Section 4, the amount of one year's dues and the price of the card.

361. Sec. 5—Regular contribution to Lodge fund.—The regular contribution to the Lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than seven cents a week, to be determined by the By-Laws, but the Lodge shall by its By-Laws prescribe some less rate, not exceeding five cents a week, for the dues of non-beneficial members.

362. Sec. 6—Further contributions for Widows, Orphans, Education and Funeral Funds.—The Lodge may by its By-Laws require such further contributions for a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, an Education Fund, a Funeral Assessment or Fund, or for any other fund suitable to the purposes of the Order, for either or all of them, as the Lodge shall determine.

363. Sec. 7—Contingent Fund.—The Lodge may, by its By-Laws, set aside any amount not exceeding five per cent. of the receipts for dues, as a contingent fund, to be used for entertainments

and in the payment of necessary and proper obligations which the Lodge must meet, and for which purpose the Lodge cannot expend its general funds.

364. Sec. 8—Beneficiary member defined.—A beneficiary member shall be any one who has been for six months a member by initiation of this Lodge (or of the Order, if admitted to membership in this Lodge upon an unexpired withdrawal card), as an Ancient Odd Fellow, or by reinstatement after dropping or expulsion, who is not more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues. A member reinstated after suspension for cause shall be beneficiary immediately upon reinstatement, subject to the provisions herein in relation to dues; *provided, however*, that this Lodge, by proper By-Law, may enact that, if a member shall become non-beneficiary by reason of being more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, he shall, before he can become beneficiary, pay all arrears for dues, assessments and fines; and such By-Law may further provide that, as a penalty, such non-beneficiary member shall not become beneficiary for a period subsequent to such payment not exceeding thirteen weeks.

365. Sec. 9—Weekly benefits.—Every beneficiary member of this Lodge, in case of sickness or disability, not caused by vice or immorality on his part, shall be entitled to and receive from the funds of the Lodge such weekly benefits as may be fixed by the By-Laws, not less than two dollars a week if of the Scarlet Degree; but no sick benefit shall be allowed for less than a week's sickness or the fractional part of a week. *Provided*, that this Lodge may provide in its By-Laws for a sick benefit of not less than one dollar to be paid to brothers who may have been sick, and received sick benefits continuously for the period of one year. *Provided further*, that this Lodge may provide by By-Law that no benefit shall be paid for the first one week or two weeks of such sickness or disability.

366. Sec. 10—Funeral benefits and expenses.—In case of the death of a beneficiary member of this Lodge, there shall be allowed not less than twenty dollars as a funeral benefit, and such further sum as may be necessary to pay funeral expenses; *provided, however*, that in case the Lodge shall have expended money for funeral expenses with the consent of the family, then it may apply the funeral benefit toward the funeral expenses; and *provided further*, that no Lodge shall be held liable for a larger amount than sixty dollars for the funeral expenses of a deceased brother.

367. Sec. 11—Standing of non-beneficial member.—Every person admitted or reinstated as a non-beneficial member shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and advantages of membership, except benefits, and shall be subject to penalties and disabilities as other members. And no benefits shall be allowed to any non-beneficial member, nor shall any pecuniary relief be extended to such

member from the funds of the Lodge, except upon recommendation of some committee.

368. Sec. 12—Special funds conserved, application of.—The special funds of this Lodge shall be sacredly devoted to the purposes for which they may be raised; and the general fund shall be considered sacredly pledged to the relief of distressed brothers, the payment of benefits, the furnishing of the Lodge room, and such other necessary expenses as are and may be recognized and authorized by the laws of the Order.

369. Sec. 13—Stocks, funds, disposition of.—The stocks, securities, investments and funds of this Lodge shall not be transferred, in whole or in part, but by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. The resolution therefor shall have been presented at least one week before final action.

ARTICLE XI.

TERMS AND REPORTS.

SECTION 1.—Semi-annual and annual terms.

“ 2.—Annual and semi-annual reports.

“ 3.—Forfeiture of charter.

370. Section 1—Semi-annual and annual terms.—Semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in April and October; the annual term, on the first regular meeting in April.

371. Sec. 2—Annual and semi-annual report.—It shall be the duty of the retiring officers, at the close of each semi-annual term, to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a full report of the work of the term, upon the blank forms furnished from the office of the Grand Secretary, and in conformity with the instructions of that officer, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge; and at the close of each annual term, in like manner, the Annual Report of Membership.

372. Sec. 3—Forfeiture of Charter.—This Lodge shall forfeit its charter if it fails to comply with the requisitions and laws of the Grand Lodge; and in such case it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to comply with the provisions of the first and second sections of Article II of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XII.

CONSTRUCTION, AMENDMENTS, ETC.

SECTION 1.—Construction, amendments, etc. Noble Grand to construe subject to appeal to Lodges.

“ 2.—Altering, amending, suspending.

“ 3.—Power to adopt By-Laws.

373. Section 1—Construction, Amendments, Etc. Noble Grand to construe, subject to appeal to Lodge.—When doubts arise

of the true meaning of any of these articles, it shall be determined by the Noble Grand, his determination being subject to an appeal to the Lodge, and its determination being subject to an appeal to the Grand Master during recess, thence to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, thence to the Grand Lodge.

374. Sec. 2—Altering, amending, suspending.—These articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge at regular session, in writing; and such motion shall not be finally acted upon on the day of its presentation.

375. Sec. 3—Power to adopt By-Laws.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Rules of Order from time to time as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any way contravene any of these articles, the laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois or the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, or the principles of the Order. A copy of the By-Laws or any amendment thereto shall, immediately after adoption by the Lodge, be sent by the Secretary to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, which approval shall be necessary before said By-Laws or amendments thereto shall become operative. The By-Laws shall not be suspended, set aside or altered, except by regular process of amendment, a written proposition for which shall have been before the Lodge for at least one week.

MODEL BY-LAWS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES IN ILLINOIS.

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ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

- SECTION 1.—Meetings.
 “ 2.—Hours of meeting.

376. Section 1—Meetings.—This Lodge shall hold its regular meetings on evening of each week.

377. Sec. 2—Hours of meeting.—The hour of meeting shall be, during the months of November, December and January, at o'clock; during February, March, September and October, at o'clock; and during April, May, June, July and August, at o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE II.

FEES, DUES, BENEFITS AND FUNDS.

SECTION 1.—Fees.

- " 2.—Dues of beneficial members.
- " 3.—Assessment.
- " 4.—Funeral benefits, assessments for.
- " 5.—Visiting card, fee for.
- " 6.—Sick benefits.
- " 7.—Arrears of dues, penalty.
- " 8.—Funeral benefit.

378. Section 1—Fees.—The fees for admission to membership in this Lodge shall be as follows:

For admission by initiation, if the applicant be.....years of age or less, \$.....; if over.....,\$..... in addition to the above fee for each additional five years of age or part thereof.

For admission by card, if the applicant be.....years of age or less, \$.....; if over.....,\$.....in addition to the above fee for each additional five years of age or part thereof.

For admission as an Ancient Odd Fellow, if.....years of age or less, \$.....; if over....., \$..... in addition to the above fee for each additional five years of age or part thereof.

The fee for reinstatement after dropping shall be one year's dues in all cases; except under Section 4, Article VIII of the Constitution, when the price of a card shall be added thereto.

The fee for each degree shall be \$.....

379. Sec. 2—Dues of beneficial members.—Every beneficial member of this Lodge shall pay into the funds as dues \$....per quarter; every non-beneficial member shall pay as dues....cents a quarter; each to be reckoned by weekly periods in determining a brother's standing, but charged by the quarter for convenience.

380. Sec. 3—Assessment.—Should there be less than \$..... cash in the treasury when a sick benefit is called for, an assessment, the amount of which shall be determined by the Finance Committee, subject to the revision of the Lodge, shall be laid upon the members, payable immediately.

381. Sec. 4—Funeral benefits, assessments for.—When a funeral benefit is due, or funeral expenses accrue, the Permanent Secretary shall enter an assessment of....cents upon each member's account, payable immediately.

382. Sec. 5—Visiting card, fee for.—The fee for a visiting card shall be ... cents; but if a brother pays a year's dues in advance he shall be entitled to a card without fee.

383. Sec. 6—Sick benefits.—The sick benefits shall be \$..... a week, if of the Third Degree; but if of a lower degree, \$.....a week.

384. Sec. 7—Arrears of dues, penalty.—Any brother suffering himself to become in arrears for dues accruing during a period of more than thirteen weeks shall not again become beneficiary until the expiration of thirteen weeks from the date of payment in full of all arrears for dues, fines and assessments charged to his account, as permitted by Section 8, Article X, of the Constitution.

385. Sec. 8—Funeral benefit.—The funeral benefit shall be \$....

ARTICLE III.

SICKNESS, FUNERALS AND FINES.

SECTION 1.—Sickness, notice thereof.

“ 2.—Member absent. Certificate of illness, how obtained.

“ 3.—Permission of family.

“ 4.—Neglect of duty as watcher. Physician exempt. Funeral.

386. Section 1—Sickness, notice thereof.—Any brother becoming sick shall send notice thereof, as soon as may be, to some member of the Visiting Committee. No brother living within five miles of the Lodge room shall be entitled to benefits whose case has not been reported to the Visiting Committee, unless it shall appear that he used due diligence to report himself to them, and no benefits shall be allowed for more than one week's sickness prior to such notice being sent to the Committee.

387. Sec. 2—Member absent, certificate of illness how obtained.—If a beneficiary member of this Lodge be sick away from home, the certificate of a physician in good standing, and if within reach of a Lodge, also a duly authenticated certificate from such Lodge, giving the date and nature of his sickness, and such other evidence as the Lodge may demand, shall entitle him to benefits.

388. Sec. 3—Permission of family.—Upon the death of a brother who is an unsuspended member of this Lodge, or a traveling brother entitled to burial by the Order, deceased near this Lodge, the Noble Grand shall solicit the permission of the family of the deceased to conduct the funeral according to the custom of the Order; and upon obtaining their consent, he, in concert with the Visiting Committee, shall take charge of the funeral, or co-operate with the friends or family in making arrangements; and he shall cause the Secretary to notify the members of the Lodge to assemble and attend the funeral.

389. Sec. 4—Neglect of duty as watcher. Physician exempt. Funeral.—Failure to attend as a watcher with a sick brother, or at the funeral of a brother, when notified to watch or in any way informed of the funeral, is an offense, the penalty of which shall be a fine of \$....; and if it be accompanied by aggravating circumstances,

such other penalty may be inflicted as the Lodge may determine. A practicing physician may be exempt from watching. Reasonable excuse may be offered in bar or mitigation of offenses for which fines may be imposed, opportunity for which shall always be allowed, and the matter shall be decided by the Noble Grand, and any appeal from his summary decision must be taken at the time thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1.—Repealing former By-Laws.

“ 2.—Alteration, manner of.

390. Section 1—Repealing former By-Laws.—All former By-Laws not contained herein are hereby repealed.

391. Sec. 2—Alteration, manner of.—These By-Laws shall not be repealed, amended or added to unless a written resolution embodying the proposed alteration shall have been submitted and read on at least two regular meetings previous to the time at which final action is had on the proposition; and the resolution shall be adopted only by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members present entitled to vote.

RULES OF ORDER FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

- (1.) Call to order sound of gavel.
- (2.) Order of business.
- (3.) Presiding officer, duties of.
- (4.) Putting questions for vote.
- (5.) Members must not interrupt business.
- (6.) Member shall not disturb.
- (7.) Manner of address.
- (8.) Determine who is entitled to floor.
- (9.) Member to speak but once.
- (10.) Duty of member when called to order.
- (11.) Debate on motion.
- (12.) Motion on question before Lodge.
- (13.) Putting main question.
- (14.) Blanks, filling of.
- (15.) Call; division of question; motion, etc.
- (16.) Paper, reading of.
- (17.) Members to vote, unless excused.
- (18.) Yeas and nays, names of voting members entered.
- (19.) Question postponed.
- (20.) Reconsideration of vote.
- (21.) Reading of communications, etc.
- (22.) Members may be excused from committee.

- (23.) Committees, chairman, etc.
- (24.) Committee, discharge of.
- (25.) Criticism of measures.
- (26.) Objectionable words to be taken down.
- (27.) Motions, time and manner of making.
- (28.) Questions, manner of putting; matters of form; matters of course.
- (29.) Division, chairman to call.
- (30.) Order, Roberts' Rules of.
- (31.) Order, suspension of rules.

1. CALLING TO ORDER SOUND OF GAVEL.

392. When the presiding officer takes his chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be general silence.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

393.— I. Calling roll of officers.

II.—Presentation of cards, or visitors in waiting. Visitors should also be received at any later stage of the proceedings until the Noble Grand arises to close the Lodge.

III.—Reading and disposing of the minutes.

IV.—Consideration of previous proposals for membership or reinstatement.

1. Reports of Investigating Committee.

2. Applications for degrees.

3. Balloting for admission; for degrees.

4. Initiation and conferring degrees.

V.—Does any brother know of a sick brother, or a brother in distress?

Does any brother know of a vacancy where a brother of the Order might obtain employment?

VI.—Communications read and disposition of the same.

1. From the Grand Lodge.

2. From other Lodges.

3. From persons.

4. Bills against the Lodge.

VII.—Reports of Officers and Committees.

1. Of Treasurer, first meeting in each month.

2. Of Secretaries and Treasurer, at the close of term.

3. Of Trustees.

4. Of Visiting Committees.

5. Of Finance Committee.

6. Of other Standing Committees.

7. Of Special Committees, by seniority.

VIII.—Unfinished Business.

1. Excuse of absentees.
2. Special order of the evening.
3. Other matters on the record.

IX.—New Business.

1. Proposals for membership or reinstatement.
2. Application for cards, dismissal certificates, or certificates of other kinds.
3. Resignation of office or membership.
4. Nomination for office.
5. Election.
6. Installation.
7. Appointment.
8. Resolutions and motions.

X.—Good of the Order.

1. Has any brother anything to offer for the good of the Order?
2. Applications for benefits.
3. Are there any cases requiring the charity of the Order?

XI.—Announcements.

1. Of special meeting.
2. Of Encampment Meetings, Rebekah Meetings, Canton Meetings, Committee Meetings, Anniversary Celebrations, etc.
3. Of receipts of the evening.
4. Of disbursements of the evening.

NOTE.—Receipts and disbursements to be announced in detail by the Permanent and Recording Secretaries, respectively.

XII.—Closing the Lodge. ¹

3. PRESIDING OFFICER.

394. Duties of.—The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decision of the Lodge on all questions. He may speak on points of order in preference to other members, arising from his seat for that purpose. He shall decide all points of order without debate, unless he entertains doubts on the points, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once.

4. PUTTING QUESTIONS FOR VOTE.

395. Previous to taking the vote on any subject, the Noble Grand shall, in an audible voice, ask: "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" after which, if no member rise to speak, he shall put the question.

¹ S. L. R. O.

5. MEMBERS MUST NOT INTERRUPT BUSINESS.

396. No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Lodge, while the minutes are being read, or while any member is addressing the Chair.

6. MEMBERS SHALL NOT DISTURB.

397. No member shall disturb another while addressing the Chair, unless to call him to order. No member shall rise from his seat while another member is speaking, nor on any pretense shall one pass between the speaking member and presiding officer.

7. MANNER OF ADDRESS.

398. No member shall speak on any question before the Lodge unless he arise from his seat and respectfully address the Chair. A member speaking shall confine himself to the subject under debate, and shall use no personal, indecorous or sarcastic language to reflect on the Lodge or its members; and when his speech shall have been concluded he shall resume his seat.

8. DETERMINE WHO ENTITLED.

399. If two members, or more than two, rise at the same time to speak, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

9. MEMBER TO SPEAK BUT ONCE.

400. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject unless all the members present wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice without permission from the Chair; and no member, while speaking, shall name another except by the appropriate title designating his rank in the Order.

10. DUTY OF MEMBER WHEN CALLED TO ORDER.

401. Whenever a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, he shall resume his seat until the question is settled and leave is given him to proceed.

11. DEBATE ON MOTION.

402. No motion shall be debated until the same is seconded and stated to the Lodge by the Chair, and any motion shall be reduced to writing on the request of any member.

12. MOTION ON QUESTION BEFORE LODGE.

403. When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be in order but these: (1) to adjourn, or its equivalent, to proceed to close; (2) to lay on the table; (3) the previous question; (4) to postpone indefinitely; (5) to postpone to a certain time; (6) to

commit; (7) to amend; and these motions shall be privileged and have precedence in the order in which they are made to succeed each other by this rule; and motions to adjourn, to proceed to close, to lay on the table, and for the previous question, shall be decided without debate.

13. PUTTING MAIN QUESTION.

404. When the previous question is moved and seconded it shall be put at once in these words: "Shall the main question be now put?" If decided in the affirmative, the debate ceases, and the Chair puts to vote all pending amendments, in their proper order, and the main question; if the previous question be decided in the negative the question shall remain before the Lodge as before.

14. BLANKS, FILLING OF.

405. When a blank is to be filled, and different sums, numbers or times shall be proposed, the question shall first be put on the highest sum or number, and on the longest or latest time.

15. CALL; DIVISION OF QUESTION; MOTION.

406. Any member may call for a division of the question when it can be divided, but a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible, except at the option of the mover.

16. PAPER, READING OF.

407. If the reading of any paper be called for and it be objected to by any member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Lodge without debate.

17. MEMBERS TO VOTE UNLESS EXCUSED.

408. Every qualified member present shall vote on all questions before the Lodge, unless the Lodge excuse him from so doing for special reasons.

18. NAMES OF VOTING MEMBERS ENTERED.

409. On a call for the yeas and nays of a majority of the Lodge the name of each member voting shall be entered on the minutes.

19. QUESTIONS POSTPONED.

410. When a question is postponed indefinitely it shall not again be acted on during that or the next succeeding meeting.

20. RECONSIDERATION OF VOTE.

411. No motion shall be heard for reconsideration of any vote of the Lodge unless the same shall be made by a member who voted with the majority in the first instance.

21. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS.

412. Before any communication, petition or memorial shall be received and read by the Secretary, a brief statement of its contents shall be made verbally to the Lodge, either by the member presenting the same or by the presiding officer.

22. MEMBERS MAY BE EXCUSED FROM COMMITTEE.

413. On application to the Chair any member may be excused from serving on a second committee, at the time of his appointment thereon, if the duties of the first committee remain unperformed and the applicant be not discharged therefrom.

23. COMMITTEES, CHAIRMAN.

414. The person first named on a committee shall act as Chairman thereof, unless the committee select a different member for that office. The mover and seconder of a resolution referred to a special committee are usually the first named thereon.

24. COMMITTEE, DISCHARGE OF.

415. No committee can be finally discharged until all debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

25. CRITICISM OF MEASURES.

416. The consequences of any measure may be reprobated in strong terms; but to arraign the motive of those who propose or advocate it is personality and against the Order.

26. OBJECTIONABLE WORDS TO BE TAKEN DOWN.

417. When a member shall be called to order for words spoken, the objectionable words shall (if required) be taken down in writing by the Secretary.

27. MOTIONS, TIME AND MANNER OF MAKING.

418. No motion can be made by one member while another is speaking, and no motion shall be received unless the member making it shall rise and address the Chair.

28. QUESTIONS, MANNER OF PUTTING; MATTERS OF FORM; MATTERS OF COURSE.

419. The affirmative of a question is first put, then the negative; but in the matters of form or of course, such as reading reports, petitions, memorials, or other papers, withdrawing motions, etc., to save time the Chairman usually assumes the assent of the Lodge when, on inquiry, no objection is expressed.

29. DIVISION, CHAIRMAN TO CALL.

420. The Noble Grand, or any member doubting the decision of the Lodge, may call for a count or a division of the votes.

30. ORDER, ROBERTS' RULES OF.

421. All questions not herein provided for shall be decided upon the principles laid down in Roberts' Rules of Order.

31. SUSPENSION OF RULES.

422. These Rules of Order may be temporarily suspended by general consent or by special vote of two-thirds of the members present; and they may be permanently amended in the same manner as the By-Laws.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I.—Calling roll of officers.
- II.—Presentation of cards or visitors in waiting.
- III.—Reading and disposing of the minutes.
- IV.—Consideration of previous proposals for membership or reinstatement.
- V.—Does any brother know of a sick brother, or brother in distress.
- VI.—Communications read and disposition of the same.
- VII.—Reports of officers and committees.
- VIII.—Unfinished business.
- IX.—New business.
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IV. OF THE REBEKAH BRANCH.

CODE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF REBEKAH LODGES.

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- “ 34.—Repeal of former laws.
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- “ 37.—Annual password and visiting or withdrawal cards.

423. Section 1—Objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges.—

The objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges are declared to be :

(1.) To aid in the establishment and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or for the widows of deceased Odd Fellows; and, homes for the care, education and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

(2.) To visit the sick, relieve the distressed and in every way to assist Subordinate and sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble or want.

(3.) To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among Lodges and families of Odd Fellows.¹

424. Sec. 1 a—Supremacy of Sovereign Grand Lodge.—

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor.

The above provisions shall apply with full force and effect to the degree of Rebekah.²

425. Sec. 2—Institution of Lodges.—The Grand Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and empowered to institute Rebekah Lodges at such places as they may deem proper within their territorial limits.

426. Sec. 3—By whom to be instituted.—A Grand Master or any Past Grand or Past Noble Grand who is in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge may serve as the instituting officer of a new lodge.³

427. Sec. 4—The Grand Sire may institute or cause to be instituted Rebekah Lodges in any county, state or territory under the immediate jurisdiction of this S. G. L.

¹ S. J., 14010, 14075.

² S. J., 14010, 14075.

³ S. J., 14010, 14075.

428. Sec. 5—Name of living person not to be used.—Rebekah Lodges shall not be chartered by the name of any living person.

429. Sec. 6—Membership, eligibility to.—The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the law relative to residents of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which application is made.

(1.) All persons who have received the degree of Rebekah.

(2.) All Odd Fellows in good standing and their wives.

(3.) All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character. ¹

(4.) Provided that the word "white" as a condition of membership in the Order of Odd Fellows, in Section 2, Article XVI, Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall apply to all persons, male or female, applying for membership in Rebekah Lodges. ²

430. Sec. 7—Initiation and work.—In initiating a candidate into a Rebekah Lodge, the work prescribed by the ritual furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge must be adhered to, and no person except a member of a Rebekah Lodge and the instituting officer shall witness such work. ³

431. Sec. 8—Loss of membership.—A sister in a Rebekah Lodge shall not lose her membership by operation of any rule not alike applicable to brothers. ⁴

432. Sec. 9—Degrees conferred, when.—Rebekah Lodges shall confer the degree on those persons only who apply for membership therein. A person elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge must receive the degree in the Lodge in which such person was elected. The right and duty of conferring this degree cannot be transferred to another and different Lodge. ⁵

433. Sec. 10—Good standing a prerequisite.—In the case of brothers, membership in a Rebekah Lodge is dependent on continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, except that if a brother shall take a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in his Rebekah Lodge shall not be affected thereby for one year from the date of said withdrawal card, if during that time he shall keep his dues paid up in the Rebekah Lodge; and if he shall, during said year, become a member of another Lodge, by deposit of said card, his membership in the Rebekah Lodge shall not be affected by the taking of the card. ⁶

¹ S. J., 14011, 14075, 14076.

⁴ S. J., 14011, 14076.

² S. J., 14011, 14597, 14611.

⁵ S. J., 14011, 14076.

³ S. J., 14011, 14076.

⁶ S. J., 14990, 15070.

434. Sec. 11—Officers and their duties.—The officers of a Rebekah Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, if necessary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Lodge; a Warden, a Conductor, an Inside Guardian, an Outside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters to the Noble Grand, and a Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand; and Right and Left Supporters to the Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand.¹

435. Sec. 12—Eligibility to office.—Any member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge is eligible to election or appointment to any office in such Lodge, except to the offices of Noble Grand and Vice Grand. To be eligible to the office of Vice Grand, a member must have served a term in some elective or appointed office, in a Rebekah Lodge, other than a Trustee; and to be eligible to the office of Noble Grand, a member must have served a term in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Lodge. But any member in good standing may be elected as the first Noble Grand or Vice Grand of a new or revived Lodge, or to fill a vacancy occurring during the first term (called a special term) of such new or revived Lodge. And in case of vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, if all qualified members refuse to accept such vacant office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto; *Provided* that a dispensation for the purpose be obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs, before any such officer so elected can be installed, or can act as such officer. All offices shall be for a term of six months or one year, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, which Grand Lodge may provide a longer term for Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer than for other officers.²

436. Sec. 13—Official honors.—Officers must serve a majority of the meetings held in the term, and to the end of the term, in order to be entitled to the honors of the office. Officers elected to fill vacancies and serving to the end of the term shall be entitled to the honors of the office.

437. Sec. 14—Powers and privileges of the lodges.—Rebekah Lodges instituted in conformity with the foregoing sections shall possess the power and enjoy the privileges following, subject to the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order applicable thereto, and to the provisions of constitutional and other laws enacted for their government by the Grand Body to which they are subordinate.

438. Sec. 15—Power to confer degree.—To confer the degree of Rebekah on properly qualified applicants, as hereinbefore specified.

439. Sec. 16—To elect and appoint their own officers in the manner prescribed by the Grand Bodies to which they are respec-

¹ S. J., 14583.

² S. J., 14583, 14609.

tively subordinate and by their own By-Laws. Service in office in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be a qualification for office in a Rebekah Lodge, and a past officer in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be entitled, by reason thereof, to any special privilege in a Rebekah Lodge other than wearing the collar of the highest rank attained.

440. Sec. 17—To fix and establish initiation fees and dues to be paid at such time and in such manner as the Constitution or By-Laws may provide, and may suspend from the rights and privileges of membership those in arrears for one year's dues.

441. Sec. 18—To disburse funds.—To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge from time to time as a majority of the members present shall, by vote, determine for any of the declared purposes of this degree.

442. Sec. 19—To establish such By-Laws and Rules of Order not inconsistent herewith, or with the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order as they may deem proper, subject, however to the approval of the Grand Body to which they are subordinate.

443. Sec. 20—Meetings, regular and special.—Lodges shall hold regular and special meetings, as provided by their By-Laws. A Grand Lodge may authorize special meetings at other times and places.

444. Sec. 21—Forms of charters.—Each State jurisdiction is hereby authorized to prepare and adopt suitable forms of charter for Rebekah Lodges and Rebekah Assemblies.

445. Sec. 22—Returns.—The Grand Secretary shall furnish Grand Lodges with blanks for annual returns of Rebekah Lodges, and such Grand Lodges shall require such returns to be made on the 31st of December of each year; and may require that such returns shall be made to the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly and in such case shall require such officer to make a full report of same to the Grand Lodge. Any neglect to make such return shall be visited with such penalty as the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction may direct.

446. Sec. 23—Suspension for non-payment of dues, etc.—A member of a Rebekah Lodge suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in said Lodge or may take a dismissal certificate from said Lodge.

447. Sec. 24.—Voting for admission or reinstatement.—Voting in Rebekah Lodges shall be as follows: Upon admission or reinstatement of members in any lawful manner whatsoever, votes shall be by ball ballot, and not less than three black balls shall be required to reject. Upon sustaining charges upon the infliction of any form of penalty, after trial and conviction, and upon granting withdrawal cards, votes shall also be by ball ballot. In election of

officers of delegates or representatives, to assemblies, and of committees which are to be elected, the votes shall be by ballot, except that local laws may provide for election by acclamation where there is but one candidate. Votes in all other cases shall be *viva voce*. No petition shall be received from any rejected applicant, unless the period of six months has intervened between such applications. ¹

448. Sec. 25—Regalia prescribed.—The brethren shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. The sisters shall wear regalia and jewels as follows :

For the Noble Grand the regalia shall be a collar not exceeding three inches in width, with pink center and green edges, to be trimmed with silver lace and fringe.

For the Vice Grand a collar same width, with green center and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace and fringe.

For the Secretary a collar with pink center and green edges, trimmed with silver lace.

For the Treasurer a collar with green center and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace.

For the Warden a baldrick, not exceeding three and one-half inches in width, to be of pink and green; the upper side to be green and the lower side pink, with a row of silver lace on each edge and through the center, the lowest edge to be trimmed with silver lace.

For the Conductor a baldrick, same width as the Warden's, with one row of silver lace around the inner edge; the upper side to be green, and the lower side pink.

For the Inside Guardian, the same as the Warden.

For the Outside Guardian the same as the Conductor, except that the row of silver lace shall be on the outside and none in the center.

For the Chaplain white baldrick, with silver lace on each edge, the front to be ornamented with pink roses and green leaves.

For the Supporters to Noble Grand, baldrick, pink center and green edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For the Supporters to Vice Grand, baldrick, green center and pink edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For the Past Noble Grand (sister) collar same as Noble Grand, except that the lace and fringe shall be of gold instead of silver.

For the lady members other than officers, a badge of pink and green ribbon, or a collar of pink and green, neither of which shall be more than three inches in width.

And in addition to the above described regalia, may be added such embroidery as will be in keeping with this degree. ²

¹ S. J., 14974, 15069.

² S. J., 14012, 14013, 14583, 14609.

Jewels.—For the Noble Grand a silver or silver-plated circle, one and one-half inches in diameter, with a representation or figure of "Rebekah at the well" engraved or stamped thereon, on one side; the other side plain, and underneath the figure of Rebekah the word "Fidelity."

For the Vice Grand the same in form and size, with a representation or figures of Ruth and Naomi, and underneath the figures the word "Industry."

For the Secretary the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a pen, and underneath it the word "Deborah."

A Financial Secretary shall wear the same regalia as a Secretary, and a jewel the same as that of Secretary, except that the word "Deborah" shall be omitted.

For the Treasurer the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a key, and underneath it the word "Trust."

For the Warden the same in form and size with a representation or figure of a cross (a bar and axe) and underneath it the word "Hope."

For the Conductor the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of two wands, and underneath it the word "Safety."

For the Inside Guardian the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a shield, crossed by a spear, and underneath it the word "Prove."

For the Outside Guardian the same in form and size and similar design, and underneath it the word "Vigilance."

For Past Noble Grand a jewel of white metal, to be a five pointed star.¹

449. Sec. 26—Visiting and other cards.—Visiting and withdrawal cards, dismissal certificates and official certificates shall be provided by the Grand Secretary for Rebekah Lodges and shall be furnished State jurisdictions at the same prices as those for Subordinate Lodges. Visiting cards shall be granted upon request, upon the payment of the price of the card, and dues to the expiration thereof.

Dismissal certificates shall be issued upon the payment of one dollar.

Withdrawal cards shall be issued upon the payment of the price of the card and dues to the date of issue.²

450. Official certificates shall be used as the only and legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges.³

451. Sec. 27—Power of conferring of degrees.—The degree of Rebekah shall be conferred by duly constituted Rebekah Lodges only,

¹ S. J., 14013, 14085.

² S. J., 14013, 14953, 15067.

³ S. J., 14953, 14954, 15067.

except that for the purpose of assisting the organization of Rebekah Lodges the necessary power to induct applicants for charter into the degree where they do not possess it, and are otherwise qualified, shall be vested in the several Grand Lodges and Grand Masters *ad interim*.

452. Sec. 28—Five members requisite to a Rebekah Lodge.—

A Rebekah Lodge shall consist of not less than five members, and cannot voluntarily surrender its charter nor dissolve as long as five members in good standing desire to retain such charter and work under it; *Provided*, that when a vote upon the surrender of a charter is to be taken, notice shall be sent to all members of the Lodge in good standing.

453. Sec. 29—Quorum.—A quorum of a Rebekah Lodge shall consist of five members, including one lawfully qualified to preside. All the above requirements are to be construed as applying to members, irrespective of sex. A Grand Lodge may require a greater number of applicants than five for the institution or revival of a Rebekah Lodge, and may require that not more than one-half of such applicants shall be brothers.

454. Sec. 30—The Rebekah Assembly.—Any Grand Lodge working under a charter granted by this S. G. L., in a jurisdiction having five or more Rebekah Lodges, is hereby empowered, upon proper petition, to charter and institute a Rebekah Assembly within its own jurisdiction, and such Grand Lodge may clothe such assembly with such powers and surround it with such limitations as may be deemed best for carrying out the objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges, as set forth in the laws governing the same. Such assemblies shall be required to make such report as their respective Grand Lodges may direct. But all rights and privileges granted to Rebekah Assemblies, both those granted by charter and by law, shall be revokable at any time by the Grand Lodge granting same, or by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.¹

455. Sec. 31—Assembly Officers.—The principal officers of a Rebekah Assembly shall be a President, Vice-President, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, and the President shall have power to appoint a Marshal, a Conductor, a Chaplain, an Inside Guardian and an Outside Guardian; and the duties of these various officers shall be those which usually appertain to such offices. All officers shall be of the female sex.²

456. Sec. 32—Appeals.—All appeals from the decision or action of a Rebekah Assembly shall be made to the Grand Lodge of its jurisdiction, and from the Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as provided by the rules and regulations of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.³

¹ S. J., 14991, 15070.

² S. J., 15048, 15088.

³ S. J., 14014, 14086.

457. Sec. 33.—Laws of S. G. L. applicable pertinent.—Except as hereinbefore provided, all laws, rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted for the government of Subordinate Grand jurisdictions, or that in any way affect the rights of individual members, are made to apply where applicable in all their force to County, Provincial, State and Territorial Grand Jurisdiction of the Degree of Rebekah; and in so applying them, when necessary, where the male gender is referred to in said laws, the same shall be construed to mean the female gender. In Rebekah Lodges, the laws shall apply to all members alike, and the rights, duties and privileges of membership shall be the same for brothers as for sisters.¹

458. Sec. 34—Repeal of former laws.—All laws and parts of laws heretofore enacted for the government of Rebekah Lodges are hereby repealed.²

458 a. Sec. 35—Watching with the sick.—It shall be lawful for any Grand Body having jurisdiction over Rebekah Lodges to provide for requiring only the sisters in Rebekah Lodges to perform the service of watching with the sick; and for requiring only the sisters to watch with the sick sisters; leaving the watching for and by brothers to the Subordinate Lodges.³

459. Sec. 36—The A. P. W.—The Grand Master (or if empowered by authority of the Grand Lodge the President of the Rebekah Assembly) of each Grand Lodge represented in this Sovereign Grand Lodge, under which any Rebekah Lodge has been, or hereafter shall be, instituted, is required to make a semi-annual password for use in all Rebekah Lodges in the jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge; which password shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, and shall be used at the outer door of such Lodges to obtain admission to the ante-room. This semi-annual word shall only be used in the jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and shall be communicated privately to all persons entitled to receive it.⁴

460. Sec. 37—The annual password for the degree of Rebekah shall be used in conjunction with a visiting or withdrawal card, issued by a Rebekah Lodge, when the holder thereof is visiting a Rebekah Lodge in any jurisdiction other than the one to which the visitor belongs, as a traveling password; but shall be communicated and otherwise used in the manner prescribed in the ritual of the degree, notwithstanding its use as a traveling password.⁵

¹ S. J., 14014.

² S. J., 14014.

³ S. J., 14584, 14609.

⁴ S. J., 14584, 14609.

⁵ S. J., 14584, 14609.

REBEKAH STATE ASSEMBLY OF ILLINOIS.

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ARTICLE I.

461. Section 1—Name.—This organization shall be known as the Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois.

462. Sec. 2—The object of this Assembly shall be to create a deeper interest in this branch of Odd Fellowship; to propose to the Grand Lodge suitable legislation for this branch of the Order; to collect and report such information as will lead to a better understanding of its character and objects.

ARTICLE II.

463. Section 1—The membership of this Assembly shall consist of the duly elected delegates, officers and past elective officers and all Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges. Delegates must be sisters who are Past Noble Grands. Past Noble Grands shall be required to present to the Secretary of the Assembly a certificate of such eligibility properly signed and sealed by her Lodge upon blank forms to be provided by the Secretary of the Assembly. Said credentials shall entitle the Past Noble Grands to all the privileges given regularly elected delegates, excepting the mileage and per diem.

464. Sec. 2.—Basis of Representation. Each Rebekah Lodge shall be entitled to one delegate whose mileage and per diem shall be paid by the Assembly; the Capitation Tax of Rebekah Lodges to be increased to twenty cents per capita for that purpose.¹

465. Sec. 3—Delegates shall be elected at the last meeting in June, nominations to be made at the preceding meeting, except in case of Lodges instituted after that date and before the meeting of the Assembly.

466. Sec. 4—Certificate of election.—It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary of each Lodge to certify the results of the election of delegates, under the seal of the Lodge, to the Secretary of the State Assembly, vacancies to be filled by special election.

ARTICLE III.

467. Section 1—This Assembly shall be held annually at the same time and place where the Grand Lodge holds its Annual Session. Preliminary meetings for the purpose of receiving officers' reports, appointment of committees and other preliminary work, may be held at the same locality on the day before, upon the call of the President, provided such shall be announced at least three weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

468. Section 1—The Elective Officers of this Assembly shall be a President, Vice-President, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer.

¹ Ill. J., 1896, 327, 332.

469. Sec. 2—The appointed officers shall consist of a Marshal, a Conductor, a Chaplain, an Inside Guardian, and an Outside Guardian; and the duties of these various officers shall be those which usually appertain to such offices. All officers shall be of the female sex.

470. Sec. 3—The officers shall be elected at the Annual Session and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

471. Sec. 4—In the election of officers a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice, but if there be but one candidate for any office, elections may be by acclamation.

ARTICLE V.

472. Section 1—Officers' duties.—The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order and decorum therein, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, submit all questions, and perform such other duties as usage requires.

473. Sec. 2—The Vice-President shall assist the President, and act as President during the absence of that officer.

474. Sec. 3—The Warden shall, under the President, have special charge of the door, and shall assist the President in conducting the business of the Assembly.

475. Sec. 4—The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting, shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer, keep correct accounts between this Assembly and the several Lodges, shall receive all moneys due and payable to this Assembly, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay, taking the Treasurer's receipt for the same, and shall perform such other duties as may be required, and shall give a bond of five hundred dollars. During the session of the Assembly, the Secretary may select an Assistant Secretary, who shall receive as compensation three dollars per diem.

476. Sec. 5—The Treasurer shall receive from the hands of the Secretary all moneys paid to the Assembly, giving a receipt therefor, pay all bills ordered by the Assembly, and perform such other duties as the Assembly may require; also, give bond not less than two thousand dollars.

477. Sec. 6—The Marshal, Conductor, Chaplain and Guardian shall respectively perform such official duties as are required by the usages of the Order.

ARTICLE VI.

478. Section 1—Standing Committees.—The Standing Committees shall be an Executive Committee of five, a Finance Committee of three, and a Committee on Foreign Correspondence of three to be appointed by the President. ¹

479. Sec. 2—The Executive Committee shall arrange for a suitable place to hold the annual meetings, act as Advisory Board to the President during the intermission, be the Custodian of the bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer, and perform other duties pertaining to the comfort and convenience of the Assembly.

480. Sec. 3—The Finance Committee shall report upon all accounts and claims against the Assembly previous to such accounts and claims being allowed. It shall audit annually the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and the accounts of all officers and committees entrusted with the receipt and disbursement of the funds of the Assembly, and from time to time suggest such measures of finance as it may deem expedient.

481. Sec. 4—The Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall collect such matter appertaining to the prosperity and growth of the Order in sister jurisdictions as may be within its power, or as may be gleaned from the published records of the several State Assemblies. This committee shall render to the Assembly a written report of its work. ²

ARTICLE VII.

482. Section 1—Quorum.—Fifty duly elected delegates, one of whom shall be qualified to preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President, shall constitute a quorum.

483. Sec. 2—Revenue and Expenses.—The expenses of the State Assembly shall be paid from its treasury, the funds to supply which shall be obtained by levying such per capita tax as the Assembly may authorize.

484. Sec. 3—Mileage, per diem and salaries.—The President, Vice-President, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer shall receive four cents per mile one way, and three dollars per diem. The President shall receive one hundred dollars per year and expenses, and the Secretary shall receive three hundred dollars per year and expenses for their services. The maximum amount of expenses to be fixed by the Assembly in advance each year.

¹ See page 524, R. A. J., 1896.

ceedings, 1896, page 524, resolution

² See Report State Assembly pro- No. 2; Ill. J., 1896, 328.

485. Sec. 4—Regalia.—Every officer, delegate and visitor must be in proper regalia before he or she can be allowed to speak in the Assembly, but in lieu of the collar, for members and visitors, a pink and green ribbon shall be deemed proper regalia. ¹

ARTICLE VIII.

486. Section 1—Orphans' home, directors, etc.—The directors of the Orphans' home shall be composed of five sisters, who shall be elected by this Assembly:

- One for the term of one year.
- One for the term of two years.
- One for the term of three years.
- One for the term of four years.
- One for the term of five years.

And, hereafter, one director shall be elected annually for the term of five years. In case of vacancy by resignation or otherwise the President shall fill such vacancy until the next Annual Session of the State Assembly.

ARTICLE IX.

487. Section 1—Amendments.—Any changes or amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular session of the Assembly, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing and signed by two members of the Assembly and approved by a two-thirds vote.

488. Sec. 2—Constitution, when in force.—This Constitution and any amendments that may hereafter be made thereto shall be enforced from and after the time of their adoption by the Assembly, and approved by the Grand Lodge.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY, RULES OF ORDER.

489. The following are the Rules of Order of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois:

RULE 1. On the first of October of each year, the President shall appoint from the delegates the following committees:

1. A Committee on Credentials.....three members.
2. A Committee on State of the Order.... “
3. A Committee on Legislation..... “
4. A Committee on Analysis and Distribution “
5. A Committee on Resolutions..... “
6. A Committee on Memorials ² “
7. A Committee on Foreign Correspondence. ³ “

¹ See Sections 2167, 2168, 2169, *infra*.

² Ill. J., Vol. 9, p. 1026.

³ Ill. R. A. J., 1896, p. 524.

Ill. J., 328.

490. RULE 2. If a quorum be present the business of the annual meeting shall be taken up daily as follows:

1. Opening. Singing Ode and Prayer.
2. Appointment of officers by President
3. Examination by Warden.
4. Roll Call of delegates and officers.
5. Reading of the minutes.
6. Report of Committees in the following order:
 - a. On Credentials.
 - b. On Finance.¹
 - c. On State of Order.
 - d. On Legislation.
 - e. On Resolutions.
 - f. On Memorials.
 - g. On Analysis and Distribution.
 - h. On Foreign Correspondence.Special Committees.
Miscellaneous.

491. RULE 3. That all resolutions, memorials and communications presented shall be read by the Secretary and referred to the proper committee by the President without debate.

492. RULE 4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor shall consume more than five minutes on each speech without special permission given by the Assembly.

493. RULE 5. The duly elected officers shall be installed in their respective offices immediately after the close of the business of the session. The President-elect shall be installed by the retiring President, or in the case of re-election of the President by a Past President, and the other officers shall be installed by the newly elected President.

494. RULE 6. In case of vacancy occurring in any office during the recess of the Assembly, it shall be the duty of the President to fill such office by appointment until the next annual election

494 a. RULE 7. In the election of officers three Tellers shall be appointed, two by the President and one by the Vice-President.

494 b. RULE 8. That the parliamentary rules governing this Assembly shall be Roberts' Rules of Order.

¹ Ill. R. A. J., 1896, 530.

REBEKAH LODGES OF ILLINOIS.

CONSTITUTION FOR REBEKAH LODGES.

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ARTICLE I.

495. Section 1—Title and Meetings.—This Lodge shall be constituted by not less than five members, irrespective of sex, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled.....Rebekah Lodge No. I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois.

496. Sec. 2—Regular Meetings, quorum.—This Lodge shall hold regular meetings as provided by the By-Laws, not less than two each month. Five members, irrespective of sex, including one lawfully qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum.

497. Sec. 3—Special Meetings, how called, where held, business.—Special meetings shall be called by the Noble Grand, on the written request of five members, or by the order of the Lodge at any regular meeting. Special meetings may not be held at other than the regular meeting-place without a dispensation therefor from the Grand Master. A special meeting shall not transact any business other than that specified in the call.

ARTICLE II.

498. Section 1—Objects and Purposes.—The objects and purposes of this Lodge are :

(1.) To aid in the establishment and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or for the widows of deceased Odd Fellows, and homes for the care, education and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows. ¹

(2.) To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and in every way to assist Subordinate and sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble or want.

¹ Amended, Ill. J., 1896, 306, 318.

(3.) To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among the Lodges and the families of Odd Fellows.

ARTICLE III.

499. Section 1—Membership.—A candidate for membership in this Lodge by initiation, or otherwise, shall be a white person, a resident of the jurisdiction of Illinois, a believer in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, of good moral character, and included in one or more of the following clauses:

- (1.) All persons who have received the degree of Rebekah.
- (2.) All Odd Fellows in good standing, and their wives.
- (3.) All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years.¹

500. Sec. 2—Residence of candidate.—A candidate for membership in this Lodge by initiation shall have resided in the jurisdiction of Illinois at least six months previous to application for membership.

501. Sec. 3—Deposit card, evidence, residence.—A candidate for membership by deposit of card, shall have a withdrawal card, dismissal certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of legal termination of membership, or visiting card, and shall be a resident of the jurisdiction of Illinois, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

502. Sec. 4—Visiting card, privileges.—Any member of a Rebekah Lodge holding a visiting card, in force, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in this Lodge, without having obtained a withdrawal card from the Lodge in which membership is held, and may be elected to membership in this Lodge. But such candidate shall not be entitled to full membership, nor have any of the privileges of a member of this Lodge, until a withdrawal card from the Lodge in which previous membership was held is deposited with this Lodge, nor until the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of this Lodge.

503. Sec. 5—Rebekah Degree, proof of.—Candidates for membership under Clause 1, Section 1, of this Article, shall prove themselves in the degree of Rebekah to the satisfaction of this Lodge or its committee, and shall furnish conclusive proof of having received the same. Such proof shall be by record evidence, or by those members of the order who were present at the conferring of the degree on such candidate or candidates.

504. Sec. 6—Application, form of.—An application for membership shall be in the following form, to-wit:

¹ Ill. J., 1895, 199.
Amended, Ill. J., 1896, 305, 318.

To the Officers and Members of.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned (a)....., who has been a resident of the jurisdiction of Illinois for six months last past, who is a white person and a believer in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, respectfully requests admission into this Lodge by (b).....

I certify that (c).....and in consideration of such admission, I promise and agree that, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge, and those of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith, in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event, or for any purpose, to the civil courts.

My age is.....years; my occupation is....., and my residence is....., Illinois, and I refer to.....

Signed.....

Witness.....and.....Dated.....18.....

NOTE—(a) Insert here name of applicant. (b) State here whether by initiation, by withdrawal card, by visiting card, by dismissal certificate or reinstatement. (c) Here the applicant shall certify, as the case may be, that, "I am an Odd Fellow in good standing in.....Lodge;" or, "I am the wife of an Odd Fellow who is in good standing in.....Lodge;" or, "I received the degree of Rebekah at.....;" or, "I am an unmarried woman;" and (if not by reinstatement), "I have not been a member of a Rebekah Lodge, nor have I been rejected in a Rebekah Lodge within six months."

Said application for membership shall be signed by the applicant and witnessed by two members of this Lodge. The application, accompanied by the fee therefor, should be presented to the Lodge at a regular meeting thereof, by a member, and shall be entered in substance on the records and referred to a special committee of three members for investigation, two of whom shall be sisters and one a brother, if the applicant be a lady; or two brothers and one sister if the applicant be an Odd Fellow; which committee shall report in writing at the next regular meeting unless further time be granted.

505. Sec. 7—Certificate.—All Odd Fellows petitioning for membership in this Rebekah Lodge shall present a certificate in the following form:

Hall of Lodge.....No.....I. O. O. F.
At.....Illinois.....18.....

To whom it may concern:

This certifies that Bro.....is a member of this Lodge in good standing.
(Seal.).....Secretary.

506. Sec. 8—Balloting.—When the report of the Investigating Committee has been submitted to the Lodge, the candidate shall be balloted for as required by law, after which the ballot-box shall

be passed by the Warden to the Vice Grand, who shall examine the ballot and inform the Noble Grand whether the same is favorable or unfavorable; the Warden shall then pass the box to the Noble Grand, who shall inspect the ballot and announce the result, merely stating that the candidate is elected or rejected. If not more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected.

507. Sec. 9—Proposition for membership and balloting.—

A proposition for membership may be received at a regular meeting only; and by unanimous consent of the Lodge, the same may be received, reported upon, and the applicant balloted for and admitted to membership on one and the same evening.

508. Sec. 10—Fees, proposition withdrawn, fee returned; fee forfeited.—A proposition for membership may be withdrawn without the consent of the Lodge, at any time before the committee shall have reported thereon, but not subsequently. The admission fee shall be returned if the application is refused or withdrawn; but if the candidate shall be elected and fail to appear for admission within three months (except for cause adjudged sufficient), the election shall be void, and the deposit forfeited to the Lodge.

509. Sec. 11—Rejection, notice, renewal.—When a candidate for membership by initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay by this Lodge to all Rebekah Lodges in the same place, the nearest neighboring Rebekah Lodges, and such rejected person cannot again be proposed in any Rebekah Lodge until six months have elapsed. A proposition for membership otherwise than by initiation may not be renewed in this Lodge for six months from date of rejection.

510. Sec. 12—Degree conferred on whom, by what Lodge.—

This Lodge shall confer the degree on those persons only who apply for membership therein. A person elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge must receive the degree in the Lodge in which such person was elected. The right and duty of conferring this degree cannot be transferred to another and different Lodge.

511. Sec. 13—Brothers qualifications.—In the case of brothers, membership in this Lodge is dependent on continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge; except that if a brother shall take a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in his Rebekah Lodge shall not be affected thereby for one year from the date of said withdrawal card, if during that time he shall keep his dues paid up in the Rebekah Lodge. And if he shall, during said year, become a member of another Lodge by deposit of said card, his membership in the Rebekah Lodge shall not be affected by the taking of the card.¹

¹ Amended, Ill. J. 1896, 305, 318.

512. Sec. 14—Degree conferred only on the elected and qualified.—This Lodge shall confer the degree of Rebekah on regularly elected qualified applicants, and none others, as provided in this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

513. Section 1—Officers.—The officers of this Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary (if necessary), and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Lodge; a Warden, Conductor, an Inside Guardian, an Outside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of the Noble Grand, and a Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand; and Right and Left Supporters of the Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand.

514. Sec. 2—Noble Grand, duties.—It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to preside in the Lodge, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and laws; to see that all the officers of the Lodge and members of committees perform their respective duties; to appoint all officers except the supporters of the Vice Grand; to appoint a majority of all committees not otherwise provided for; to give the casting vote only on all matters or questions before the Lodge, except that the Noble Grand shall be entitled to vote in all ballots. The Noble Grand shall inspect and announce the result of all votes of the Lodge, have charge of the charter, which must always be in the Lodge room while the Lodge is in session; draw upon the Treasurer for all sums that have been voted by the Lodge, and none other; shall convene special sessions as directed in Article I, Section 3, of this Constitution, and perform such other duties as appertain to that office. The Noble Grand shall not make or second any motion, nor take part in any debate while in the chair.

515. Sec. 3—Vice Grand, duties.—The Vice Grand shall assist the Noble Grand in presiding in the Lodge, and shall appoint her (or his) own supporters and the minority of all committees not otherwise provided for. The Vice Grand shall have special charge of the inner door, and perform all duties appertaining to said office of Vice Grand, and in the absence of the Noble Grand shall preside and perform the duties of that office.

516. Sec. 4—Secretary, duties.—The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge, write all communications, fill up all certificates and cards, issue all summonses or notices required, attest to all moneys ordered paid at regular meetings, and none other; and perform such other duties appertaining to the office as may be required by the Lodge, and be exempt from all dues and assessments, and shall receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to election. The Secretary shall make out at the end of the term the Semi-Annual Report, as required by Article XII, Section 2, of this Constitution, and accurate-

ly record the same and the Annual Report in the Register of Reports. The Secretary shall also, at the close of the term, make out a report for the Lodge, showing fully its work and condition during the term; shall perform the duties of the Financial Secretary, and shall give bond in the same manner as hereinafter prescribed for Financial Secretary, if none be chosen; and shall also keep a list of all warrants drawn on the Treasurer, recording the date, amount, and name of person in whose favor drawn; and if the warrant be payable from any special fund, that fact shall appear both on the warrant and in the list; and shall also keep a register of membership, enrolling the names of members of the Lodge, with date of proposal, initiation, signing of the Constitution upon admission by card, certificate, or reinstatement after expulsion, also with date of resignation, withdrawal by card, death, suspension, reinstatement or expulsion; and shall also record the attainment of official rank.

517. Sec. 5 — Financial Secretary, how chosen, term, duties.—The Financial Secretary (if any) shall be chosen annually at the election in December, and prior to installation in office give a joint and several bond to the Trustees of the Lodge, with two sureties to be approved by the Lodge, with such penalties and conditions as may be prescribed by the Lodge; such bond before being presented to the Lodge must be approved by a majority of the Trustees. It shall be this officer's duty to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members, pay over to the Treasurer immediately all moneys received; and to inform the Treasurer from time to time, and at the last payment in each term, how much of the money paid into the treasury belongs to any special fund of the Lodge; and shall notify all members who are at any time in arrears for eleven months' dues (delivering the notice in person, if practicable, but if not, then mailing it to the member's last known address), and at the expiration of the next succeeding month, if said member's account is not settled, in whole or in part, sufficiently to reduce the arrears to less than one full year's dues, shall present the name of such member to the Lodge. The Financial Secretary prior to the last meeting in March, June, September and December, respectively, shall notify all members who are in arrears for one quarter's dues, and at the close of each semi-annual term shall make to the Lodge a detailed report of the business of the office, and have the books written up for the Finance Committee, and meet said committee prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term, to exhibit the books and papers, and to aid them in the examination thereof; and at the first regular meeting of the new term, present the report to the Lodge, with the statement of the balance of account of each unsuspended member; and shall make out the annual report to the Grand Lodge, as required by Article XII, Section 2, and shall deliver it to the Secretary for record and forwarding to the Grand Lodge; and shall be exempt from all dues, and shall receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to election.

518. Sec. 6—Treasurer, duties.—The Treasurer shall be elected annually at the election in December; and, prior to installation in office, shall give a joint and several bond to the Trustees of the Lodge, with two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge, with such penalties and conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge. Such bond, before being presented to the Lodge, must have been submitted to and approved by a majority of the Trustees. The Treasurer shall keep the funds, notes and securities of the Lodge, pay all the orders drawn on the Treasurer by the Noble Grand and attested by the Secretary, and none others; keep a full account of all moneys expended, and give the Lodge, at the first meeting in each month, a statement of its funds; shall keep a separate account of any special fund instituted by the Lodge, and report to the Financial Secretary, at or before the last meeting in each term, any money received as interest or dividends on any notes, securities or stocks held. The Treasurer shall make out for the Lodge, at the close of the term, a full report of receipts and disbursements, and have the books written up for the Finance Committee; meet said committee prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term, to exhibit the books, papers, securities, bonds, funds and other property belonging to the Lodge in possession of the Treasurer; and at the first regular meeting of the next term shall present the report to the Lodge. The Treasurer shall pay over and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, bonds, papers and other property in said officer's possession or control belonging to the Lodge, to her (or his) successor in office, or to such person as the Lodge may appoint to receive the same.

519. Sec. 7—Junior Past Noble Grand, duties.—It shall be the duty of the Junior Past Noble Grand of this Lodge to act in the capacity of Past Noble Grand, but during the first term of a new Lodge the charge of that office may be delivered by any competent member. Any Past Noble Grand may act as Noble Grand or Vice Grand when legally called upon to do so. ¹

520. Sec. 8—Duties of other officers.—All other officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed for them by the charges of their respective offices, and the requirements of the laws and regulations of this Lodge.

521. Sec. 9—Honors of office, etc.—Officers must serve a majority of the meetings held in the term and to the end of the term in order to be entitled to the honors of office. Officers elected to fill vacancies and serving to the end of the term, shall be entitled to the honors of said office. ²

522. Sec. 10—Qualifications for office.—Service in office in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be a qualification for office in this

¹ Amended S. J., 14239, 14675.

² Amended S. J., 1896, 15009, 15071.

Lodge, and a past officer in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be entitled, by reason thereof, to any special privileges in this Lodge, other than wearing the collar of the highest rank attained.

ARTICLE V.

523. Section 1—Standing Committees.—The standing committees of this Lodge shall be: A Committee of Trustees; a Visiting and Relief Committee; a Finance Committee, and such other committees as may be created by the By-Laws.

524. Sec. 2—Trustees, their duties.—Five Trustees shall annually be chosen by ballot at the regular election in December, and a plurality of votes shall elect. The term of office of Trustees shall begin January first following their election, after having qualified as herein below provided, and the Trustees shall hold their office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified by filing certificates of election as herein provided. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary, within one week after said election, to file with the County Recorder of the county wherein such Lodge is located, a certificate under seal of the Lodge, of the election of said Trustees, such certificate setting forth also that the term of office of said Trustees begins on January first following. Failure to so file said certificate shall not vacate the office, but said Trustees elected shall have power to act as such as soon as such certificate is filed. It shall be the duty of the said newly-elected Trustees, when qualified as above, to approve the bonds of the newly-elected officers; also to act as an Executive Committee of the Lodge in carrying out all acts not otherwise provided for; to procure Lodge room, fuel, lights, regalia and all things necessary for the comfort of the Lodge under its direction. They shall have the guardianship of all widows and orphans of the Lodge, and carry out all provisions of the Lodge in relation to them; and shall from time to time recommend such action as they may deem necessary for the prosperity of the Lodge. They shall present to the Lodge at the close of their term of office a written report of their proceedings.

525. Sec. 3—Visiting and Relief Committee.—The Visiting and Relief Committee shall consist of seven sisters, the Noble Grand to be Chairman, whose duties shall be to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and in every way assist Subordinate and sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble or want. They shall keep themselves at all times informed thereon, and shall report the condition of those who may be sick, in distress, in trouble or in want. Only the sisters of this Lodge shall be required to watch with the sick, etc., whenever notified so to do by the Secretary or Visiting Committee. Service shall be by regular turn. *Provided*, that in cities or towns having more than two Lodges, the Relief Committees of the different Lodges may, if they see

fit, appoint one of their number to act with a like number from the other Lodges in the town or city as a special Visiting Committee, whose duties shall be the care of traveling or sojourning sisters who may be sick or disabled in the town or city where such Lodges are situated. Should a member of this or any other Rebekah Lodge be sick or in distress, it shall be the duty of any other member of this Lodge, knowing the fact, to report the case promptly to the Visiting Committee.

525 a. Sec. 4—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the Noble Grand on the night of and immediately after installation. They shall audit and inspect the accounts, books, securities, bonds, funds, and other properties in the hands of the Treasurer, and the books and reports of the Secretaries and of other officers and committees charged with the receipt and expenditure of money. For this purpose they shall fix a time and place to meet the Secretary and Treasurer after the last regular meeting in the term. They shall also examine all other financial matters referred to them, and report thereon to the Lodge as soon as practicable. Neither the Noble Grand, the Vice Grand, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Financial Secretary, nor any member of the Board of Trustees, shall be a member of the Finance Committee.¹

ARTICLE VI.

526. Section 1—Elections.—Any member in good standing in this Lodge is eligible to election or appointment to any office in this Lodge except the offices of Noble Grand and Vice Grand. To be eligible to the office of Vice Grand, a member must have served a term in some elective or appointive office in a Rebekah Lodge, other than that of Trustee; and to be eligible to the office of Noble Grand, a member must have served a term in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Lodge. But in case of vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand of this Lodge, if all qualified members refuse to accept such vacant office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto, provided that a dispensation for the purpose be obtained before any such officer so elected can be installed, or can act as such officer.

527. Sec. 2—Nominations for elective officers, when made.—Nominations for elective officers shall be made at the regular meeting immediately preceding that of the election; and, on the night of election, nominations for the office of Noble Grand shall be opened; and, after the election of that officer, nominations for the office of Vice Grand shall be opened; and, after the election of that officer, nominations shall be opened for each additional elective office, in like manner as for offices of Noble Grand and Vice Grand, just preceding the respective ballots for the respective office.

¹ Amended, Ill. J., 1896, 307.

528. Sec. 3—Elective officers, when chosen.—The elective officers (except the Treasurer and Financial Secretary) shall be chosen at the last regular meetings in June and December, and shall hold their respective offices for six months and until their successors shall have been installed. They shall be installed at the first meetings in July and January. The Treasurer and the Financial Secretary (if there be one) shall be elected in December, and shall be installed at the first meeting in January, and both shall serve one year. If a public installation of officers be had, it may be at any other time than that specified above, but not prior to the first meetings in January and July.

529. Sec. 4—Election of officers, when by ballot, when by acclamation.—The election of officers shall be by ballot, except in cases where there is but one candidate for an office, when the election may be by acclamation. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to election. Ballots for persons not properly in nomination shall be considered blanks, and blanks shall be counted as votes. When there are several candidates and there is no choice, at each successive balloting the name of the candidate having the smallest number of votes in the preceding ballot shall be dropped from the nomination.

530. Sec. 5—Absence vacates office, when.—If any officer shall be absent for three successive meetings, except for sickness or unavoidable absence, the office shall be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge, if an elective officer; but by the officer who appointed, if an appointed officer. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the former selection to serve the residue of the term.

531. Sec. 6—Charges must be memorized.—All elective officers shall commit their charges to memory before they are installed in office, and all appointive officers shall commit their charges within one month after installation.

532. Sec. 7—Grand Master's deputy.—This Lodge shall, at its first meeting in December, or at the first meeting thereafter, by election duly had, recommend a Past Noble Grand, who shall be a member of this Lodge, or in case there is no Past Noble Grand, a Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, who is also a member of this Lodge, to be appointed by the Grand Master to be his deputy for this Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

533. Section 1—Regalia and Jewels.—The brethren other than officers shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. The sisters shall wear regalia and jewels as follows:

For the Noble Grand the regalia shall be a collar not exceeding three inches in width, with pink center and green edges, to be trimmed with silver lace and fringe.

For the Vice Grand, a collar, same width, with green center and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace and fringe.

For the Secretary, a collar with pink center and green edges, trimmed with silver lace.

The Financial Secretary shall wear the same regalia as the Secretary, and a jewel the same as that of the Secretary, except that the word Deborah shall be omitted.

For the Treasurer, a collar with green center and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace.

For the Warden, a baldrick not exceeding three and one-half inches in width, to be of pink and green, the upper side to be green and the lower side pink, with a row of silver lace on each edge and through the center, the lowest edge to be trimmed with silver lace.

For the Conductor, a baldrick same width as the Warden's, with one row of silver lace around the inner edge, the upper side to be green and the lower side of pink.

For the Inside Guardian, the same as Warden.

For the Outside Guardian, the same as Conductor, except that the row of silver lace shall be on the outside and none in the center.

For the Chaplain, white baldrick with silver lace on each edge; the front to be ornamented with pink roses and green leaves.

For the Supporters of Noble Grand, baldrick pink center and green edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For the Supporters of Vice Grand, baldrick green center and pink edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

For the Past Noble Grand (sister), collar same a Noble Grand, except that the lace and fringe shall be gold instead of silver.

For the lady members other than officers, a badge of pink and green ribbon, or a collar of pink and green, neither of which shall be more than three inches in width.

And in addition to above described regalia may be added such embroidery as will be in keeping with this degree.

Jewels.—For the Noble Grand, a silver or silver-plated circle, one and a-half inches in diameter, with a representation or figure of "Rebekah at the Well" engraved or stamped thereon on one side; the other side plain, and underneath the figure of Rebekah the word "Fidelity."

For the Vice Grand, the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of Ruth and Naomi, and underneath the figure the word "Industry."

For the Secretary, the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a pen, and underneath it the word "Deborah."

For the Treasurer, the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a key, and underneath it the word "Trust."

For the Warden, the same in form and size, with the representation or figure of a cross (a bar and axe), and underneath it the word "Hope."

For the Conductor, the same in form and size, with the repre-

sentation or figure of two wands, and underneath it the word "Safety."

For the Inside Guardian, the same in form and size, with the representation or figure of a shield crossed by a spear, and underneath it the word "Prove."

For the Outside Guardian, the same in form and size and similar design, and underneath it the word "Vigilance."

For Past Noble Grand, a jewel of white metal, to be a five-pointed star.

ARTICLE VIII.

534. Section 1—Droppings, trials, penalties.—Any member who shall become in arrears for dues accrued during the period of one full year, shall, after having been notified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, Article IV, Section 5, be declared by the Noble Grand dropped from membership, unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct.

535. Sec. 2—Arrears, loss of vote.—Any member who shall become in arrears for more than thirteen weeks' dues shall not be entitled to vote.

536. Sec. 3—Discipline.—If any member of this Lodge shall be found guilty of conduct contrary to the laws of the Order, or in violation of its principles, as set forth in its lectures, charges and obligations, or shall be found guilty of any dishonest or immoral act or practice, injurious to himself or herself, his or her family, or to society, or by which the Order may be scandalized, said member shall be subjected to such penalty as the laws of the jurisdiction or the discretion of the Lodge may prescribe.

537. Sec. 4—Charges.—If any member of this Lodge shall have reason to believe that any other has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, as shown in the preceding section, it shall be such member's duty immediately to give notice of such violation or offense, in writing, to the Noble Grand. The Noble Grand shall forthwith refer a copy of such written communication (concealing the name of the informant) to a special committee of three members, which committee shall proceed, without delay, to investigate the matter therein stated; and if, in their opinion, there is just ground therefor, as early as practicable, prefer a charge or charges against the member so accused, specifying therein the particular matter of offense which is charged; and the committee shall have charge of the prosecution on the part of the Lodge.

538. Sec. 5—Complaint or information in writing.—Any member of this Lodge, or any Rebekah Lodge in this jurisdiction, or any member thereof whose good standing is certified to at the time, may prefer an open complaint or information in writing in this Lodge against any of its members, and such complaint shall be

treated, in all respects, as provided in Section 4 of this Article; except that the complaint shall be read in open Lodge and the committee thereon openly appointed.

539. Sec. 6 — Charges preferred, procedure, trial, etc. —

Whenever a charge or charges are preferred against a member, they shall be read in open Lodge, at a regular meeting. The Secretary shall immediately furnish a copy thereof, under seal of the Lodge, to the member so accused, and at the same time cite said member to appear before the Lodge at the next regular meeting thereafter, plead guilty or not guilty to each charge and specification; and if the plea is not guilty, then the Noble Grand shall appoint a competent member of the Lodge as a commissioner or committee of one to take evidence, both for the Lodge and the accused, in deposition form, by writing down both the questions and answers in full; and that the said commissioner to take evidence shall be first obligated by the Noble Grand to perform such duty, and shall be authorized to obligate witnesses who may be members of the Order, and cause such witnesses who may not be members of the Order to be obligated by a proper officer authorized to administer oaths. Said commissioner shall have power to pass upon the competency of evidence, and if objections are made to the ruling of the commissioner, said objections shall be noted, together with the question and answer in deposition. If the accused appears when cited and pleads not guilty, the case shall be continued two weeks from the night the citation is returnable, to give each side an opportunity to have the Secretary cite their witnesses to appear before the commissioner. The commissioner shall have power to continue the taking of said evidence from day to day, and when the evidence is all taken, said commissioner shall make a certified report of the same to the Noble Grand. After the receipt of the commissioner's report, the Noble Grand shall notify, in writing, the committee having the prosecution in charge and the accused, or attorney for the accused, of the time (not more than seven days from the receipt of said report) and place where the Noble Grand will hear both the prosecution and defense upon the evidence to which objections were made before the commissioner; and, after hearing the parties in interest, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to rule as to whether the evidence to which objections were made before the commissioner shall be read before the Lodge, and such ruling shall be final, and, for that purpose, the Noble Grand shall mark upon the deposition at the place where the objected evidence may appear, either the words "Don't Read," or "Read," as the case may be; and all the evidence shall be read to the Lodge, except that marked by the Noble Grand "Don't Read."

540. Sec. 7—Notice, services of, etc.—If the Secretary is unable personally to serve a copy of the charges and citations on an accused member, by reason of permanent absence, concealment or incarceration, a copy of the citations and charges left at the accused's

usual or last known place of abode, or deposited in the mail so directed, shall be deemed a legal notice or citation; and the Lodge may proceed with the trial as if the accused were present. The Noble Grand shall appoint counsel to defend accused if none appear.

541. Sec. 8—Hearing on charges preferred, penalty, etc.—

The Lodge at said second regular meeting after charges first preferred or as soon thereafter as the register of the evidence shall be reported by the Noble Grand, shall listen to the reading of the evidence as taken by the commissioner, both for the Lodge and the accused. The accused shall be heard in his or her own behalf in person or by counsel, and the committee appointed to prosecute on behalf of the Lodge shall have the right to also address the Lodge. The Lodge shall then proceed to vote upon the charge or charges preferred; but no member shall be entitled to vote unless present during the reading of the whole testimony and of the arguments thereon. If the charges be sustained, in whole or in part, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present entitled to vote on the question, the accused shall retire to the ante-room. The Secretary shall then read to the Lodge the charge or charges, or parts thereof, that have been sustained, when the Noble Grand, without motion, shall proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment, expulsion; and if that be not agreed upon, shall put the next, suspension; and shall so proceed until some order of punishment is agreed upon by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. One penalty only shall be inflicted as the result of one trial.

542. Sec. 9—Punishment, sentence, etc.—

Whenever the Lodge shall determine upon suspension, a motion may be made to fix the time, and two amendments may be offered thereto, which shall be decided without debate. The Noble Grand shall put them to vote, commencing with the longest period of time therein named, and if all of them be rejected, a second motion may be made and two amendments permitted thereto, which shall be put to vote in a like manner, and the Lodge shall so proceed until some period of suspension is agreed upon. But suspension of membership shall work no suspension of dues and arrearages, but they shall run on during suspension. If the Lodge shall decide to punish by fine, the same course shall be adopted in determining the amount thereof as is above provided in fixing the time of suspension; and in either case of fixing the time of suspension or amount of fine, the majority of members present shall decide the period of time or amount. But no suspension shall be for a shorter time than to cover the date of the next regular meeting of the Lodge, nor longer than one year.

543. Sec. 10—Misconduct confessed, procedure, etc.—

When the misconduct is confessed by the accused brother or sister, the Lodge to which such case is referred may proceed to vote upon the punishment without the formula of a trial.

544. Sec. 11—Legal penalties, fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion.—The only legal penalties for misconduct are: fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion. Fine is not allowed as a penalty for violation of the principles of the Order.

545. Sec. 12—Intoxication, penalty for.—The penalty for intoxication is reprimand for the first offense, suspension for the second, and expulsion for the third; and no other penalties are legal.

546. Sec. 13—Penalties. When a definite penalty is fixed by law for any offense, a brother or sister convicted thereof is sentenced without further vote; if alternatives are fixed, the Lodge chooses one of them by vote.

547. Sec. 14—Contempt of process, procedure, etc.—If any accused member shall evade the receiving of a citation, or, having received the same, shall neglect or refuse to attend the Lodge at the time therein fixed, and there remain throughout the investigation or trial of the case, the Lodge may proceed in such absence to expel such accused member for contempt.

548. Sec. 15—New Trial.—At all stages of the proceedings the accused shall have all opportunity of vindication, and in case of suspension or expulsion following the constructive citations provided for in Section 6 of this Article, or in case of alleged contempt, the accused shall be entitled to a new trial at any time within six months, if it be shown that the absence was produced by unavoidable circumstances, or that injustice was done.

549. Sec. 16—Appeal.—Any three members, or the accused, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge in a trial, shall be entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which appeal must be entered according to the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge on the matter of appeals; and on command of the Grand Lodge the brother or sister may be tried anew for the same offense.

550. Sec. 17 — Notice of suspension or expulsion to sister Lodges.—Any brother or sister having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary and to all the Rebekah Lodges in the same place, and nearest neighboring Rebekah Lodges; and a brother or a sister who has been legally expelled shall not be admitted to membership again without consent of the Grand Lodge.

551. Sec. 18 — Unreasonable, false and malicious accusations.—If any member of the Lodge shall make to the Noble Grand any accusation against a brother or a sister under Section 3 of this Article which shall be proved to be without reasonable grounds, or false and malicious, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to deliver up the name of the informant to the Lodge on demand of a majority of the members thereof present.

552. Sec. 19 -Black Book.—This Lodge shall have a black book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected, suspended or expelled by this Lodge, or any other Lodge, of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of such suspension or expulsion.

553. Sec. 20—Change of venue.—If at any time before the Noble Grand shall have passed upon the objected evidence the accused or three members of the Lodge in which charges may be preferred against a member are of the opinion that the accused will not receive an impartial trial at the hands of the Lodge, and present such an opinion in writing, such paper, together with such evidence as may be desired bearing upon the question of prejudice in the Lodge, shall be forwarded to the Grand Master, and if he orders the case changed to another Lodge, then, when the register of written evidence is reported by the commissioner, the case shall be removed to the named Lodge. A copy of the record of all proceedings up to the time of removal shall be sent to the Lodge to which removal is made, with the original papers of the case, and a transcript of all letters relating thereto; the Noble Grand and such Lodge shall proceed to the hearing, scrutiny and decision as if the accusation had been first therein preferred. The Lodge from which the venue is changed shall pay all necessary expenses incurred in such trial by the Lodge to which the venue is changed.

554. Sec. 21—Change of venue by either side.—Change of venue may be made on behalf of the prosecution, as well as on behalf of the accused, or by any three members. It may be asked in cases of charges of official misconduct.

555. Sec. 22—Advocates.—Upon such removal the prosecuting committee, or some advocate appointed by the Noble Grand of the removing Lodge, may present the case, and the accused may appear personally or by attorney, as if no such removal had taken place.

556. Sec. 23—Commission to take deposition.—If any member of the Order or other person cannot attend the taking of testimony before the commissioner as a witness on either side, such testimony may be taken in the manner herein provided, to-wit: The party desiring the testimony of such witness shall file with the commissioner written interrogatories, to be propounded to the witness; the opposite party shall then be privileged to prepare and file with the commissioner counter-interrogatories to be propounded to said witness; a copy of said interrogatories and counter-interrogatories shall be forwarded by the Noble Grand and Secretary under seal of the Lodge to the Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge nearest to said witness, which Noble Grand shall, after first obligating said witness, cause said witness to answer each of said interrogatories and counter-interrogatories, and said witness shall subscribe her (or his) name

to said deposition, and the Noble Grand taking the same shall certify that the answers have been correctly written and that the witness was first duly obligated. The Noble Grand shall then return said deposition to the Secretary of this Lodge, who shall deliver the same to the commissioner. This deposition shall be subject to all objections as though the witness had personally appeared before the commissioner.

557. Sec. 24—Record, judgment, appeal.—When the matter has been determined, a copy of the record of the proceedings had thereon, with the register of the evidence, shall be returned to the removing Lodge; and the same shall be filed in its archives, and the judgment entered upon its records. An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be had in case of a removal trial as in other cases.

558. Sec. 25—Witness, contempt.—If any member of the Order who shall have been duly notified to appear and give evidence, or, appearing, shall refuse to answer questions as a witness, such member shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and the Lodge may proceed to expel said member for contempt.

559. Sec. 26—Brothers and sisters alike amenable.—A sister in this Lodge shall not lose her membership by the operation of any rule not alike applicable to brothers.

ARTICLE IX.

560. Section 1—Reinstatement.—A member dropped for non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge may, upon the payment of such fees as the By-Laws shall provide, not less than one year's dues, be reinstated upon application made in writing in the regular form, and shall be treated in all respects like a proposition for membership as hereinbefore provided, except that a majority vote shall be necessary to elect. Such dropped member, if free from charges, may, upon payment of fees, take a dismissal certificate in the first instance or after being denied reinstatement.

561. Sec. 2—Reinstatement.—A member expelled by this Lodge may apply in writing for reinstatement. The application shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall ascertain whether the applicant has made such reformation or apology as is appropriate, and shall report to the Lodge. After reception of the report, the Lodge shall ballot on the application. If two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of reinstatement, the Secretary shall write to the Grand Master for permission to reinstate such member, and, if it be granted, reinstatement shall thereby be accomplished. No expelled member shall be reinstated without the payment of the same fee that is required to initiate.

562. Sec. 3—Notice of reinstatement.—When a suspended or expelled member shall be reinstated, either by expiration of sen-

tence or action of the Grand Lodge, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary and all Rebekah Lodges in the same place and nearest neighboring Rebekah Lodges.

ARTICLE X.

563. Section 1—Cards, dismissal certificates and resignations.—A member of this Lodge may end membership therein by taking a withdrawal card or a dismissal certificate, and a sister may end her membership in this Lodge, and in the Order also, by presenting a written resignation of membership. No resignation of membership or application for withdrawal card or dismissal certificate shall be entertained from any one who is not clear on the books.¹

564. Sec. 2—A withdrawal card may be granted to any member by vote of a majority upon ballot at a regular meeting. Application therefor must be made by the member in person or in writing, and shall lie over until the next regular meeting for final action; except, that, when the applicant has left the vicinity of the Lodge, or it is his or her known purpose to leave before the next regular meeting, or to join in a petition for a new Lodge, the card may be granted without delay.

565. Sec. 3—Dismissal certificates shall be issued on the payment of one dollar. Visiting cards shall be granted upon request, upon the payment of the price of the card, and the dues to the expiration thereof. No vote is necessary to grant a visiting card or dismissal certificate. Should objections in either case be made for cause, the ground thereof shall be stated, and it shall suspend the issuing until after the investigation of said objections. The Lodge shall promptly investigate such objections, and if found to be sufficient by a majority vote of the members present, the card or certificate shall not be issued until the grounds of objections be removed. If the objection is removed, or is found not to be sufficient, the card shall be issued immediately. A suspended member cannot take a card or dismissal certificate. Should the Lodge refuse to grant a withdrawal card, the member, if clear on the books, upon payment of fee, may take a dismissal certificate.

ARTICLE XI.

566. Section 1—Fees, dues.—No person shall be admitted to membership or reinstated in this Lodge, or receive a card, until payment is made of the amount required therefor by this Constitution or the By-Laws. When dues and assessments or fines stand charged upon account, the payments made shall apply to these in the order of their accruing.

¹ Ill. J., 1895, 214, as amended,
Ill. J. 1896, 307.

567. Sec. 2—Membership fee.—No person shall be admitted to membership in this Lodge for a less sum than is herein provided, viz.: By initiation, one dollar; by deposit of card or dismissal certificate, one dollar.

568. Sec. 3—Like fee on reinstatement.—No member shall be reinstated after having been dropped for non-payment of dues for less sums than are herein provided.

569. Sec. 4—Contributions.—The regular contributions to the Lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than two cents a week, to be determined by the By-Laws.

570. Sec. 5—Further contributions.—This Lodge may, by its By-Laws, require such further contributions, for a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, an Educational Fund, or for any other fund suitable to the purpose of the Order, or for either or all of them, as the Lodge shall determine.

571. Sec. 6—Relief fund.—The special funds of this Lodge shall be sacredly devoted to the purposes for which they may be raised, and the general funds shall be considered sacredly pledged to the relief of the distressed members of the Order, the furnishing of the Lodge room, and such other necessary expenses as are and may be recognized and authorized by the laws of the Order. But this Lodge shall not pay stipulated weekly benefits.

572. Sec. 7—Disbursement of funds.—This Lodge may pay and disburse from its funds, from time to time, as a majority of the members present at any stated meeting shall, by vote, determine, for any of the declared purposes of this degree.

573. Sec. 8—Funds, how transferred.—The stocks, securities, investments and funds of this Lodge shall not be transferred, in whole or in part, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. The resolution therefor shall have been presented at least one meeting before final action.

ARTICLE XII.

574. Section 1—Terms.—Semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in January and July; the annual term on the first regular meeting in January.

575. Sec. 2—Returns.—It shall be the duty of the retiring officers, at the close of each semi-annual term, to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge immediately, a full report of the work of the term, upon the blank forms furnished from the office of the Grand Secretary, and in conformity with instructions from that officer, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the General Assembly, and at the close of each annual term, on December 31st, in like manner, to make the annual report of membership.

576. Sec. 3—Capitation tax.—This Lodge shall pay the Rebekah Assembly a per-capita tax of such an amount as the Annual Assembly may direct. This Lodge, failing to pay its per-capita tax and make its report, as provided by Section 2 of this Article, shall not be entitled to representation at the State Assembly.

577. Sec. 4—Voting.—All votes shall be *viva voce* (yes or no) unless otherwise provided.

ARTICLE XIII.

578. Section 1—Laws, decisions, constructions, amendments, etc.—The laws controlling this Lodge shall be the laws, rules and usages and general regulations of the Order, the Constitution of this Lodge and other laws for their government enacted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and the By-Laws of this Lodge not inconsistent therewith. The laws of the Subordinate Lodge, and the decisions thereon by the Grand and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall, so far as applicable, control in the government of this Rebekah Lodge in all cases not specially provided by the laws of the Rebekah branch of the Order.

579. Sec. 2—Forfeiture of charter.—This Lodge shall forfeit its charter if it fails to comply with the requisitions and laws of the Grand Lodge; and in such cases it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to comply with the provisions of the first and second Sections of Article II of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

580. Sec. 3—Surrender of charter, etc.—This Lodge cannot voluntarily surrender its charter nor dissolve as long as five members, in good standing, desire to retain such charter and work under it; *Provided*, that when a vote upon the surrendering of said charter is to be taken, notice shall be sent to all the members in this Lodge in good standing.

581. Sec. 4—Power to adopt By-Laws and Rules of Order.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Rules of Order, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any way contravene any of these Articles, the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, or the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, or the principles of the Order. A copy of the By-Laws, or any amendments thereto, shall, immediately after adoption by the Lodge, be sent by the Secretary to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, which approval shall be necessary before such By-Laws or amendments thereto shall become operative. The By-Laws shall not be suspended, set aside or altered, except by regular process of amendment, a written proposition for which shall have been before the Lodge at least one week.

582. Sec. 5—Appeal from Noble Grand.—When doubts arise as to the true meaning of any of these Articles, they shall be determined by the Noble Grand, such determination being subject to an appeal to the Lodge, and its determination being subject to the Grand Lodge, whose decision shall be final in all cases.

583. Sec. 6—Amendments, how made.—These Articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge at a regular session, in writing; and such motion shall not be finally acted upon the day of its presentation.

MODEL BY-LAWS FOR REBEKAH LODGES.

ARTICLE I.—Meetings.

“ II.—Fees, dues, etc.

“ III.—Committees.

“ IV.—Amendments.

ARTICLE I.

584. Section 1—Meetings.—This Lodge shall hold its regular meetings on evening of each

585. Sec. 2—Hour of meeting.—The hour of meeting shall be, during the months of November, December, January and February, at o'clock; during March, September and October, at o'clock; and during April, May, June, July and August, at o'clock.

586. Sec. 3—When Lodge opened.—This Lodge shall be opened at the appointed time, or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present.

ARTICLE II.

587. Section 1—Fees, dues.—The dues shall be cents per week, payable quarterly.

588. Sec. 2—Fee for cards.—The fee for a visiting card shall be cents.¹

589. Sec. 3—Fee for withdrawal card.—The fee for withdrawal card shall be cents.

590. Sec. 4—Initiation fees.—The fee for initiation shall be for a brother; for a sister

591. Sec. 5—Fee for reinstatement.—The fee for reinstatement after dropping for non-payment of dues shall be (not less than one year's dues).

¹ Ill. J., 1895, 220.

592. Sec. 6—Fee after expulsion.—The fee for reinstatement after expulsion shall be the same as charged for initiation.

ARTICLE III.

593. Section 1—Committees.—The Finance Committee and the Visiting and Relief Committee shall be appointed immediately after installation, as provided by the Constitution.

594. Sec. 2—Sickness to be reported.—Should a member be sick or in distress, it shall be the duty of any other member knowing the fact to report the case promptly to the Visiting Committee.

595. Sec. 3—Death of member.—Upon the death of an unsuspended member of this Lodge, or of a traveling member entitled to burial by the Order, deceased near this Lodge, the Noble Grand shall solicit the permission of the family of the deceased to conduct the funeral according to the custom of the Order; and upon obtaining their consent, shall, in concert with the Visiting Committee, take charge of the funeral, or co-operate with the friends or family in making arrangements; and she or he shall cause the Secretary to notify the members of the Lodge to assemble and attend the funeral.

596. Sec. 4—Neglect of duty as watcher.—Failure to attend as a watcher with a sick member or at the funeral of a member when notified to watch or in any way informed of the funeral, is an offense, the penalty of which shall be a fine of \$. . . , and if it be accompanied by aggravating circumstances, such other penalty may be inflicted as the Lodge may determine.

597. Sec. 5—Physician exempt from watching.—A practicing physician may be exempt from watching. The brothers of this Lodge and brothers attending the funeral of a brother with his Subordinate Lodge, shall be excused from attending with Rebekah Lodge. Reasonable excuse may be offered in bar or mitigation of offenses for which fines may be imposed, opportunity for which shall always be allowed, and the matter shall be decided by the Noble Grand, and any appeal from her or his summary decision must be taken at the time thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

598. Section 1—Amendments, when in force.—These By-Laws shall be in force from and after their adoption and approval by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. All former By-Laws are hereby repealed.

599. Sec. 2—Amendments.—These By-Laws shall not be repealed, amended or added to, unless a written resolution embodying the proposed alteration shall have been submitted and read on at least two regular meetings previous to that at which action is had on the proposition; and the resolution shall be adopted only by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members present.

MODEL RULES OF ORDER FOR REBEKAH LODGES.

- SECTION 1.—Interruptions.
 “ 2.—Disturbance, etc.
 “ 3.—Previous question.
 “ 4.—Division of question on call.
 “ 5.—Reading of paper, objection.
 “ 6.—Member must vote unless excused.
 “ 7.—Committee.
 “ 8.—Decision.
 “ 9.—Decorum.
 “ 10.—Floor, member entitled to.
 “ 11.—Committee, discharge of.
 “ 12.—Roberts' Rules of Order to govern.
 “ 13.—Order of business.

600. Section 1.—Interruptions.—During the reading of the minutes or of any letters or papers, or while a member is addressing the Chair, silence shall be observed in the room, and no talking shall be permitted to interrupt the proceedings.

601. Sec. 2.—Disturbance, etc.—No member shall disturb another while addressing the Chair, unless to call him or her to order. No member shall rise from his seat while another member is speaking, and on no pretense whatever pass between the member who is speaking and the presiding officer.

602. Sec. 3.—Previous question.—On the call of five members, all debate shall cease and the question shall be put to vote.

603. Sec. 4.—Division of question on call.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it can be divided, but a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible, except at the option of the mover.

604. Sec. 5.—Reading of paper, objection.—If the reading of any paper be called for and it be objected to by any member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Lodge without debate.

605. Sec. 6.—Member shall vote unless excused.—Every member present shall vote on all questions before the Lodge unless the Lodge excuse him or her from so doing for special reasons.

606. Sec. 7.—Committee, Chairman of.—The person first named on a committee shall act as Chairman thereof, unless the committee select a different member for that office. The mover and seconder of a resolution referred to a special committee are usually the first named thereon.

607. Sec. 8.—Division of votes.—The Chairman or any member doubting the decision of the Lodge may call a count or a division of the votes.

608. Sec. 9—Decorum.—No member shall speak on any question before the Lodge unless he (or she) rise from his (or her) seat and respectfully address the Chair. A member speaking shall confine himself (or herself) to the subject under debate, and shall use no personal, indecorous or sarcastic language, to reflect on the Lodge or its members, and when his (or her) speech shall have been concluded, he (or she) shall resume his (or her) seat.

609. Sec. 10—Floor, member entitled to.—If two or more members rise at the same time to speak, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor. Whenever a member while speaking shall be called to order, he (or she) shall resume his (or her) seat until the question is settled and leave is given him (or her) to proceed.

610. Sec. 11—Committee, discharge of.—No committee can be finally discharged until all debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

611. Sec. 12—Roberts' Rules of Order to govern.—All questions not herein provided for shall be decided upon the principles laid down in Roberts' Rules of Order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

612. (1.) When the presiding officer takes the chair, the officers and members take their respective seats, and at the given signal there shall be general silence.

(2.) The following shall be the Order of Business:

- I.—Calling the roll of officers.
- II.—Presentation of cards of visitors in waiting and the reception of visitors. Cards should also be received at any later time during the session.
- III.—Reading and disposing of records.
- IV.—Does any member know of a sick member, or of one in distress?
- V.—Communications read and referred:
 1. From the Grand Lodge.
 2. From other Lodges.
 3. From persons.
 4. Bills against the Lodge.
- VI.—Consideration of previous proposals for membership or reinstatement:
 1. Reports of Investigating Committees.
 2. Balloting.
 3. Admission of new members.

VII.—Reports of Committees and Officers:

1. Of Trustees.
2. Of Visiting Committee.
3. Of Finance Committee.
4. Of other Standing Committees.
5. Of Special Committees by seniority.
6. Of Treasurer, first meeting of each month.
7. Of Secretaries and Treasurer, close of term.

VIII.—Unfinished business:

1. The special order of the evening.
2. Other matters on the record.

IX.—New business:

1. Proposals for membership or reinstatement.
2. Applications for cards.
3. Resignation of office or of membership.
4. Nominations for office.
5. Elections.
6. Installations.
7. Appointments.
8. Resolutions and motions.

X.—Good of the Order:

1. Has any member anything to offer for the good of the Order?
2. Are there any cases requiring the charity of the Order?

XI. Announcements:

1. Of special meetings.
2. Of miscellaneous matters.
3. Of receipts of the evening in detail, by the Financial Secretary.
4. Of disbursements of the evening in detail, by the Recording Secretary.

XII.—Closing.

CHAPTER IV.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

JURISDICTION AND POWERS.

- (1.) Jurisdiction and powers.
- (2.) Membership and Officers.
- (3.) Grand Representatives.
- (4.) Committees; Appeals.
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SECTION 613.—Title of the Order, I. O. O. F. Name of Grand Lodge of the United States, S. G. L.

- “ 614.—Act of incorporation, approved February 26, 1880.
- “ 615.—Authentication.
- “ 616.—Style and title, S. G. L., I. O. O. F.
- “ 617.—The fountain of Odd Fellowship.
- “ 618.—The authority of its charter.
- “ 619.—Appeals; jurisdiction of S. G. L., and the several Subordinate Grand Bodies.
- “ 620.—To regulate and control the written and unwritten work.
- “ 621.—Power to extend the Order.
- “ 622.—Jurisdiction over Subordinate Lodges.
- “ 623.—Alaska, its attachment to the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington within its sovereign power.
- “ 624.—Legislative powers.
- “ 625.—Power to alter charter of State Grand Lodge limited.

613. Title, I. O. O. F.—The proper title of the Order is, “The Independent Order of¹ Odd Fellows,” to be abbreviated “I. O. O. F.,” and not “I. O. of O. F.” In all languages “I. O. O. F.” must be the designation.²

The Sovereign Grand Lodge was organized and carried on until January 15th, 1825, under the name of “THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND AND OF THE UNITED STATES, I. O. O. F.” A new constitution upon that date was adopted for the Grand Body, which became a distinct organization, independent of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Its name then became “THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.” The name was changed again, September 17th, 1878, to “THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.” September 18th, 1879, the present title, “THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,” was adopted.

¹ S. J., 4868, 4895.

² S. J., 5902, 5948.

614. Act of incorporation.—An Act for the incorporation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Section 1—*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* that John B. Harmon, Luther J. Glenn, James L. Ridgely, Joshua Vansant, Theodore A. Ross, J. W. Venable, Nathan Taylor, B. H. Woodell, Charles H. Gatch, W. C. Hearn, Joseph H. Sloss, William A. Shields, Thomas R. Welch, John G. Holland, William S. Davis, Frank G. Beatty, T. K. Wilson, H. S. Winn, Charles H. Randall, R. G. Buckingham, C. P. Dunbaugh, Clarence P. Elder, William Wallace Lee, Thomas Stirling, William N. Andrew, Charles W. Smith, Ezra W. Miller, Edward H. Spencer, John T. Jakes, David Downs, John F. Havenner, John T. Given, Charles C. Pearce, D. B. Woodruff, Adolph Brandt, Charles A. Robbe, Amos Henderson, John Lake, W. L. Sweeney, C. W. Heaton, Leonidas Sexton, W. R. Myers, John Morgan, D. Ferguson, Bernard Newman, Erie J. Leech, H. D. Walker, Herman Block, John Charlton, John M. Price, S. H. Kelsey, William W. Morris, John C. Underwood, George S. Moore, Tal. P. Shaffner, Silas T. Grisamore, William Seymour, J. E. Rengstorff, Frank Graham, Henry A. Taylor, William E. Hogan, William H. Smith, O. G. Douglass, Augustine D. Smith, John M. Jones, Charles H. Rawlings, John E. McCahan, Henry F. Garey, John U. Perkins, Albert L. Fessenden, Enos H. Tucker, Nathaniel A. Very, D. Burnham Tracey, Edward H. Thompson, George H. Shearer, Norman Bailey, Walter G. Dye, D. A. Morrison, William Cheney, A. B. Wagner, John H. McKenzie, Charles Lehman, E. R. Shipley, William H. Graves, L. T. Minturn, T. T. Parson, James L. Davis, C. C. Housel, Thomas J. Staley, J. C. Ford, J. L. Greeley, C. C. Batterman, A. D. Meacham, Alonzo F. Craig, Henry A. Farrington, John R. Miller, John H. Locke, Christian Miller, William A. Newell, Aaron B. Crane, William N. Nutt, John F. Van Nort, John W. Stebbins, John H. White, George Haskins, Richard J. Jones, William H. Bagley, Charles M. Busbee, Henry C. Hedges, James A. Armstrong, William R. Hazlett, William B. Kennedy, James Woodyatt, Cl. T. Campbell, John Ham Perry, John Gibson, Joshua J. Walton, W. S. Newberry, A. G. Walling, Samuel F. Gwinner, Isaac A. Sheppard, James B. Nicholson, M. Richards Muckle, John Hampden Field, Lindsay Anderson, Gilbert F. Robbins, William S. Johnson, Allen Jenckes, Silas Johnstone, Joseph L. Weakley, George B. Boyles, Robert Thompson, I. C. Stafford, M. D. Herring, R. A. Blanford, J. A. Haynie, E. M. Wilson, John N. Gale, George H. Bigelow, Nelson C. Hyde, Alfred R. Courtney, James B. Blanks, Jacob H. Robinson, W. W. Evans, J. A. Miller, George L. Hensel, Thomas S. Spates, Myron P. Lindsley, John G. Clark, Theodore B. Elliott, George E. Weatherby, Henry Altman, the present officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

and their successors, be, and they are declared to be a community, corporation and a body politic, by the name and style and title aforesaid, and by that name they, and their successors, shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law to have, receive and retain, to them and their successors, property, real and personal, also devises or bequests of any person or persons, bodies, corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they think proper; *Provided, always*, that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in annual value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2—And be it enacted, that the said corporation and their successors, by the name and style and title aforesaid, shall be forever thereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all and any judge, officer or person whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.

Sec. 3—And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter and make anew, from time to time, as they may think best, and shall, in general, have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to corporations, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted.

Sec. 4—And be it enacted, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the said corporation to issue any note, token, script, device or other evidence of debt, to be used as currency.

Sec. 5—And be it enacted, that the General Assembly of Maryland may at any time repeal this act.

Sec. 6—And be it enacted, that the act entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Chapter four," approved February 1st, 1876, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 7—And be it enacted, that this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

HIRAM MCCOLLOUGH,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

HERMAN STUMP,
President of the Senate.

Approved this 26th day of February, 1880.

[L. S.]

WILLIAM T. HAMILTON,
Governor.

615. Authentication.—

MARYLAND, } ss. I, Spencer C. Jones, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, of which it purports to be a copy, as taken from the original law deposited in and belonging to the office of the Court of Appeals aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand as clerk,
[L. s] and affix the seal of the said Court of Appeals, this
27th day of February, A. D., 1880.

SPENCER C. JONES,
Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

616. Style and title.—The Supreme Lodge of the I. O. O. F. shall be known by the name, style and title of the "Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."¹

617. Fountain of Odd Fellowship.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge is the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship in the United States of America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of the Order. Its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries.²

618. The authority of its charters.—By virtue of charters granted by it, all State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments exist, and with it rests the power, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, to deprive such State, District or Territorial Grand Bodies of their charters, and to annul their authority; *Provided*, that such deprivation or annulment shall only be made for violation of the laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.³

619. Appeals; Jurisdiction of S. G. L. and the several Subordinate Grand Bodies.—With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or the Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulation as it may adopt.⁴

¹ S. C., Art I, Sec. 1.

² S. C., Art. I, Sec. 2.

³ S. C., Art. I, Sec. 3.

⁴ S. C., Art. I, Sec. 4.

620. To regulate and control the written and unwritten work.—To the S. G. L. belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended, except by a four-fifths vote of the members of the S. G. L., nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the S. G. Lodge. ¹

621. Power to extend the Order.—To the S. G. Lodge is reserved the power to establish the I. O. O. F. in such countries, domestic or foreign, wherein the same has not yet been established. ²

622. Jurisdiction over certain Subordinate Lodges.—To the S. G. L. belongs the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in such countries, domestic or foreign, as are without Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments. ³

623. Alaska.—The act of the S. G. L. in "attaching" the territory of Alaska to the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington is not in conflict with the decision of 1873, nor with Section 97, Article I, of the Constitution. That section gives the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinates in outlying territory to the S. G. L., but it having supreme control may attach portions of such outlying territory to adjacent jurisdictions in its discretion. ⁴

624. Legislative power.—To the S. G. L. also belongs the power to enact all laws of general application to the Order. ⁵

625. Power to alter charter of State Grand Lodge limited.—The S. G. L. has no power to alter the charter of a State Grand Lodge after it has been submitted and approved by the S. G. L., without first obtaining the consent of such State Grand Lodge; *Provided, however*, that such charter conforms to the Constitution and By-Laws of the S. G. L. ⁶ Nor has it power to permit a State Grand Lodge to meet in some place other than that fixed by its Constitution. ⁷

¹ S. C., Art. I, Sec. 5.

² S. C., Art. I, Sec. 6.

³ S. C., Art. I, Sec. 7.

⁴ S. J., 14249, 14487, 14570.

⁵ S. C., Art. I, Sec. 8.

⁶ S. J., 1063, 1090.

⁷ S. J., 4144, 4169.

MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS.

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626. Its membership.—The S. G. L. shall be composed of the following members, to wit: a Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger and Grand Representatives from the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed charters granted by the S. G. L. ¹

627. Its officers who are elected.—The officers of the S. G. L. shall be the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot by a majority of all the votes cast biennially at the stated communication of the S. G. L. in September, and shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication. ²

628. Its officers who are appointed.—The Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian and Grand Messenger shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, and if approved by the Grand Lodge shall be installed into their respective offices immediately after the installation of the elective officers. ³

629. Qualifications for office in S. G. L.—To be an officer of the S. G. L. one nominated must have received the G. L. and G. E. degrees, and be a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in good standing. ⁴

630. Failure to appear for installation to vacate office.—Should any of the elective officers fail to appear to be installed at the time provided, the particular office or offices shall be declared vacant, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall in that event proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, and the officer or officers so elected shall be accordingly installed. ⁵

631. Representatives only, vote, except on division.—No officer who is not a representative shall be permitted to vote, except the Grand Sire, in case of an equal division; the elective officers shall have the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives. The appointed officers, unless they be representatives, shall not be allowed to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except by a vote of the majority thereof. ⁶

¹ S. C., Art. II.² S. C., Art. III., Sec. 1.³ S. C., Art. III., Sec. 2.⁴ S. C., Art. XV., Sec. 1.⁵ S. C., Art. III., Sec. 3.⁶ S. C., Art. III., Sec. 5.

632. Representatives to be furnished with documents.—Each State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall furnish its representative or representatives with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office. ¹

633. Grand Sire, his powers and duties.—The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, preserve order, and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided, other than upon a ballot for officers, but shall not vote upon any other occasion. He shall appoint all committees not required to be raised by ballot, and appoint all District Deputy Grand Sires. During the recess of this Grand Lodge, he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order. He may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He may hear and decide such questions other than questions arising out of the Constitutions of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, or by the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. And his decisions upon all appeals and questions so submitted to him shall be binding upon the bodies or persons submitting the same, until reversed by this Grand Lodge. He is empowered to receive petitions and grant warrants for the opening of new Lodges and Encampments, Grand or Subordinate, in places where Grand Bodies established by this Grand Lodge may not exist; and all warrants so granted by him shall be of force until recalled by this Grand Lodge. At every communication of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, he shall make a report in writing of all his official acts and decisions during the recess. ²

634. Standing Committees, by whom and when appointed.—The Grand Sire shall, at the commencement of each communication, appoint the regular standing committees.

635. Grand Sire to hold no other office in the Order.—During his term of service, he shall not hold any office in any State, District or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment. ³

636. Grand Sire cannot delegate his authority.—The Grand Sire during the recess of the S. G. L. has a general superintendence of the interests of the Order, but he cannot delegate this power; and the Deputy G. S. has no authority to discharge the duties of the G.

¹ S. By-Laws, Art. XVII.

² S. C., Art. IV., Sec. 1.

³ S. C., Art. IV., Sec. 2.

S. in the absence of the latter, although they require immediate attention. ¹

637. Jurisdiction of Grand Sire as to questions, etc.—The Grand Sire has no power to entertain, hear or decide on any other than the following questions, unless specially referred to him by the S. G. L., to-wit:

He may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He may hear and decide such questions other than questions arising out of the Constitutions of the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments or by the Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. And his decisions upon all appeals and questions so submitted to him shall be binding upon the bodies or persons submitting the same, until reversed by this Grand Lodge. This is the constitutional limit and a specific analysis of the powers of the G. S. and sharply defines the sources whence all appeals and questions of law must arise, in order to give him jurisdiction to entertain and determine them. The general clause in Section 1, Article IV, of the Constitution, to wit: "During the recess of the S. G. L., he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order," relates to a different class of duties, those of an executive and not judicial character, and in no sense enlarges the power above conferred in matters of appeals and decisions of questions of law. ²

638. No jurisdiction over questions of law submitted by Subordinate Lodges.—No Lodge or Encampment subordinate to any State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment has a right to present questions of law directly to the Grand Sire for his decision. All such questions must go through the channel provided by the local law. ³

639. The Grand Sire has no power to authorize R. P. D. members to wear aprons, nor may he authorize Subordinates under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Body to apply to sister lodges outside the jurisdiction for pecuniary aid for building Odd Fellows' Halls, ⁴ nor may he authorize a Lodge under the sole jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to apply for aid and relief to Lodges working under a State jurisdiction, without first having obtained the consent of the Grand Master of such jurisdiction to make such application. ⁵

¹ S. J., 6251, 6323, 14684, 14972, 15068. ⁴ S. J., 4467, 4598, 4614.

² S. J., 12123, 12288,

⁵ S. J., 8846, 9022, 9100.

³ S. J., 12123, 12288,

640. To answer all questions.—The Grand Sire should answer all questions legally submitted to him before referring them to the S. G. L. ¹

641. A. T. P. W.—The Grand Sire has no legal right to authorize a Grand Master to communicate the A. T. P. W. to a brother holding a withdrawal card to enable him to visit a Subordinate Lodge. ²

642. The Grand Sire is required to reclaim and take possession of the charter, books and papers of all Grand Lodges, Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under a charter from the S. G. L. which shall have been forfeited according to the conditions of said charter. ³

643. Functions of Grand Sire, both executive and judicial.—The Grand Sire must see to the enforcement of the laws and sometimes must judicially expound them, for he is invested with both executive and judicial functions; but he has no authority to suspend the operation of a valid law, either of this Grand Body or of any of the Grand Jurisdictions under it. ⁴

644. Grand Sire may make official visits, expense, etc.—Whenever in the opinion of the Grand Sire a necessity shall occur for the advancement and welfare of the order in any portion of this jurisdiction that an official visit should be made, he shall in person, or by deputy, be empowered to render such service, and the expense of the same shall be charged to the S. G. L. But, whenever he is called upon by any jurisdiction to make an official visit, such jurisdiction shall bear such expense. ⁵

645. G. S. may not remit payment of dues.—The Grand Sire has no power to waive or remit the payment of dues in arrears by members of a defunct Subordinate under the jurisdiction of the S. G. L. who desire to join another Lodge. ⁶

646. Appropriation for clerical assistance for the G. S.—The sum of one thousand dollars or as much thereof as the Grand Sire may deem necessary, is appropriated annually for the purpose of procuring clerical and stenographical assistance for the Grand Sire; and the Grand Sire is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer at such time and in such amounts as may be required. ⁷

647. Reporting names of deceased members.—Hereafter the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall report only the names of the

¹ S. J., 6562, 14682, 15019.

² S. J., 3513, 3558, 3587.

³ S. J., 351.

⁴ S. J., 4598, 4614.

⁵ S. J., 5164, 5216.

⁶ S. J., 12354, 12632, 12701.

⁷ S. J., 14607.

deceased members of the S. G. L. and Past Grand Sires, in the event of their decease, and Grand Representatives shall announce the death of Past Grand Representatives of their respective jurisdictions in fitting terms, without referring said notices to a committee. ¹

648. The Deputy Grand Sire has no authority to discharge the duties of the Grand Sire in his absence, although they may require immediate attention, except in contingencies mentioned in Section 650, *infra*. ²

649. Powers of Deputy Grand Sire.—During the physical disability of the Grand Sire the Deputy Grand Sire should be invested with the powers and privileges and should exercise the duties of the office of the Grand Sire until the next session of the S. G. L., or during the continuance of such disability. Upon the removal of such disability, occasioned by illness, the Grand Sire should resume the duties, powers and privileges of his office, giving due notice thereof, and upon the resumption of such duties by the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire shall cease to discharge the duties, exercise the powers, or enjoy the privileges of Acting Grand Sire. ³

650. In event of death, etc., of Grand Sire.—In case of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months, or upwards, beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, all the said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office, and at the first communication thereafter the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; *Provided, however*, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be so construed as to work a forfeiture of the office. ⁴

651. Duties of the Deputy Grand Sire.—The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence. In case of the removal, death, resignation

¹ S. J., 8188.

² S. J., 6253, 6323.

³ S. J., 12675, 12708.

⁴ S. C., Art. IV, Sec. 3.

or inability of the Grand Sire, the powers and duties of the said office shall devolve on the Deputy Grand Sire for the unexpired term, as provided in Section 650, *supra*.¹

652. District Deputy Grand Sires, their qualifications, appointment, duties and power.—At each Annual Session the Grand Sire shall appoint in each State, District or Territory in which there is not a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment one or more officers, to be styled District Deputy Grand Sires, whose duty it shall be to act as the special agents of this Grand Lodge in relation to the matters herein specified, namely:

(1.) To act for the Grand Sire and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the particular district for which the D. D. Grand Sire may be appointed.

(2.) To act as the representative of this Grand Lodge, and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his district as the Grand Sire shall direct.

(3.) To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire in relation to anything which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

(4.) To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary, and to obey the special directions of that officer.

(5.) To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in his district which work under charters granted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

(6.) To make semi-annual reports of his acts and doings to the Grand Sire.

(7.) District Deputy Grand Sires shall in no case interfere as officers of this Grand Lodge with the State Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments.

(8.) To qualify a brother for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Sire, he must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of Past Grand, and of the Royal Purple Degree; and in States where Grand Encampments may be established, he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment. The appointment of District Deputy Grand Sires shall be made at each Annual Session, to continue for one year, but they may be removed for cause by the Grand Sire during recess.

(9.) The Grand Sire shall have power to fill, by appointment, all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Grand Lodge from resignation, sickness or disability, or other causes which are not provided for by the Constitution; such appointments to last until

¹ S. C., Art. V.

filled by election or otherwise, as provided by law for the election or appointment of such officers. ¹

653. Must be a member of a Rebekah Lodge.—A D. D. Grand Sire is required to be a member of a Rebekah Lodge in order to receive the Rebekah A. P. W., in addition to the other qualifications specified in the eighth clause of Section 652, *supra*. ²

654. A District Deputy Grand Sire is to be received with honors when visiting officially. He is authorized to call for and examine in any degree, and correct errors if he find any in such Lodges and Encampments as he may have under his jurisdiction. He may examine the books of his Subordinates, and if errors are found report them to the Grand Sire for his action. He has the right to prohibit manifest infringement of the laws of the Order, but must report it immediately to the Grand Sire for his action. He can, when called upon by his Subordinates, construe the meaning of any doubtful point in the law of the Order. ³

655. Cannot grant withdrawal cards, when.—A D. D. G. S. may not grant withdrawal cards to members of a defunct Subordinate under the S. G. L. who desire to join under another Lodge. ⁴

656. Brothers who have served a term of District Deputy Grand Sire shall be entitled, at the expiration of such term, to be hailed and addressed as Past District Deputy Grand Sire. ⁵

657. His jewels.—All District Deputy Grand Sires shall be entitled to wear a jewel which shall be in all respects similar to the jewel of the Grand Sire, except that it will be two inches in diameter. ⁶

658. Special Grand Representatives.—With the previous consent and approval from time to time expressed of the S. G. L., the Grand Sire may accredit any officer or member of this Sovereign Grand Lodge as a special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any Sovereign Jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship recognized by the S. G. L., and in such case the necessary expenses of such special Grand Representative's visit shall be defrayed from the treasury of the S. G. L.; and any officer or member of any such foreign Grand Lodge who may be duly accredited from the same as a special Grand Representative near the S. G. L. shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of the S. G. L., and shall have a deliberate voice, but not a vote, in the proceedings thereof. ⁷

659. Privileges of Past Grand Sires.—Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge with the power of debating and making motions, but they are not entitled to serve on com-

¹ Art. XV, S. By-Laws, S. J., 13121, 13161.

² S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 9857, 10105, 10176.

⁴ S. J., 12354, 12632, 12701.

⁵ S. J., 9756, 9810.

⁶ S. J., 9757, 9810.

⁷ S. C., Art. XVIII.

mittees of the S. G. L.,¹ but when present at the sessions of the S. G. L. they shall receive mileage and per diem the same as now paid to the representatives.²

660. Grand Secretary's duties.—The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the journal of all secret sessions and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work and such alterations as may from time to time be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or Grand Sire, its correspondence and transact such business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him officially shall be laid before the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.³

661. The Grand Secretary must report in writing to the Grand Sire at the opening of each Annual Session of the S. G. L. the name of any Grand Body which is indebted to the S. G. L., together with the amount thereof.⁴

662. The Grand Secretary shall furnish each Grand Representative when he shall take his seat in the S. G. L. with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order and laws of the S. G. L.⁵

663. The Grand Secretary is instructed to send to each Grand Representative of the S. G. L. a blank form, to be filled in by him, with his name in full, his place of nativity, profession, place of residence or post-office; the nearest route of travel to the place of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, together with the number of miles to be traveled; the said representative to return the statement to the Grand Secretary, who shall place the same completed form in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem one month previous to the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.⁶

664. Reports and Journals, their distribution.—The Grand Secretary is authorized to have printed and to furnish to each Past Grand Sire, officer and representative present at the session, fifteen copies of the reports of the Grand Officers and the Daily Journal and

¹ S. J., 8322.

² S. J., 14495, 14516.

³ S. C., Art. VI.

⁴ S. J., 2530.

⁵ S. By-Laws, Art. XVI.

⁶ S. J., 11033.

one additional copy of the same for every five hundred members of the several jurisdictions; *Provided*, however, that not more than one hundred extra copies shall be allowed to any jurisdiction. ¹

665. Returns of Rebekah Lodge.—The Grand Secretary of the S. G. L. has printed blank forms for returns, in accordance with the form as prescribed, and is to forward two copies of the same annually to each Grand Secretary; and Grand Lodges having Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah under their jurisdiction shall require such Lodges to report annually, on the thirty-first of December, the information necessary to complete the returns required by the S. G. L. ²

666. Form, etc.:

Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of the.....of.....to the
Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, from Janu-
ary 1st to December 31st, 18.....

Number of Lodges.....
Members January 1st, 18.....

Brothers.....
Sisters.....
Total.....

Admitted during the year:

Brothers.....
Sisters.....
Total.....

From which deduct the following:

Withdrawn or dropped:

Brothers.....
Sisters.....

Expelled:

Brothers.....
Sisters.....

Deceased:

Brothers.....
Sisters.....

Total:

Brothers.....
Sisters.....

Members December 31st, 18.....:

Brothers.....
Sisters.....
Total.....

Assets per last report.....

Receipts for last twelve months.....
Total.....

Paid out:

Relief for members.....
Relief for widowed families.....
Total relief.....

Lodge expenses twelve months.....
Total.....

Available assets December 31st, 18.....,

¹ S. J., 9414, 9463.

² S. J., 5881, 5938, 14012.

667. Financial Statement. The Grand Secretary is directed to furnish the S. G. L. in his annual report a full and detailed statement of his accounts, showing the amounts due to and by it, and a statement of all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments which may not have reported; said report to be made up to July 31 annually. ¹

668. Returns of Grand Secretaries to Sovereign Grand Secretary. It is made the duty of the Secretaries of Grand Lodges, at the time of making their annual returns to the Grand Secretary of the S. G. L., to furnish therewith the times and places of the Annual Sessions of their Grand Bodies, and the post-office addresses of their respective Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, and it is hereby made his duty to have the same printed and appended to the proceedings of every session of the S. G. L. ²

669. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are authorized to close their books on the thirty-first day of July in each year, and report the financial operations to and including the day named. ³

670. Payments must not exceed appropriations.—It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to open an account in his books with each specific appropriation, charging to such appropriation severally the amount reported by the Finance Committee, and placing to the credit of such account all payments made on account thereof, and in no case shall such payments exceed the amount of the specific appropriation on account of which they are made, nor shall any transfer of appropriation be allowed without the consent of the S. G. L. ⁴

671. Grand Secretary to receive dues.—All dues and moneys for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Secretary and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same. ⁵

672. Books of Grand Secretary to be posted.—It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep his books and accounts at all times written and posted up. ⁶

673. Grand Secretary custodian of seal.—The seal of the S. G. L. should be kept exclusively under the control and in the custody of the Grand Secretary of that body and should only be used or attached to papers and documents emanating from his office in a legal manner. ⁷

674. Bond of the Grand Secretary.—The Grand Secretary, before entering on the duties of his office, shall be required to exe-

¹ S. J., 600, 14136, 14153.

² S. J., 2734.

³ S. J., 14136, 14153.

⁴ S. J., 2515, 2521.

⁵ S. By-Laws, Art. XIX.

⁶ S. J., 286.

⁷ S. J., 4395, 4418.

cute and deliver to the Grand Sire a bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, with surety or sureties to be approved by the Grand Sire, reciting his election to said office, and the general nature of his official duties, conditioned for the faithful performance of said duties, and especially for the safe keeping by him of all moneys and property that may come to his hands under the laws of this S. G. L., or by virtue of any resolution thereof. And conditioned also for the delivery of said property and the payment of said money to the S. G. L. on demand being made upon him, and the payment and delivery of the same upon the order of the Grand Sire lawfully made in recess upon the happening of any contingency which may terminate his official term.¹

675. Assistant Grand Secretary.—The Grand Secretary of the S. G. L. is authorized to appoint a subordinate in his office, to be called the Assistant of the Grand Secretary, who shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by that officer. He shall be removable at the pleasure of the Grand Secretary and shall receive such compensation as shall be prescribed by law. It shall be lawful also for the Grand Secretary from time to time, as he shall find it necessary to do so, to appoint and remove at his pleasure such temporary assistants, clerical and other aid, as may be required for the satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office. Such additional force shall receive a compensation not to exceed a maximum to be prescribed by law.²

676. His bond.—The Assistant Grand Secretary before entering upon the discharge of his duties shall give bond with at least two sureties of the S. G. L. in the sum of ten thousand dollars, the bond to be approved by the Grand Secretary, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of all the duties of his office, and to account for all moneys that shall come into his hands by virtue of his said office.³

677. Duties and bond of G. T.—The Grand Treasurer shall keep the moneys and all evidences of debt, choses in action, deeds, etc., of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary. He shall lay before the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its stated communication in September, annually, a full and correct statement of his accounts. Before his installation he shall give a bond with at least two sureties to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in such sum as may from time to time be fixed; and shall receive such compensation as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall determine.⁴

678. The bonds of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Assistant Grand Secretary for ten thousand dollars each, as

¹ S. J., 8404, 8478.

² S. J., 5481, 5540.

³ S. J., 5956.

⁴ S. C., Art. VII, Sec. 1.

required by the laws of the S. G. L., shall be the bonds of one or more reliable guaranty or indemnity companies, to be approved by the Grand Sire and to be presented to him within one month after the close of the Annual Session, the expense of said bonds to be paid by the S. G. L.; *Provided*, that, pending the perfection of this trust company bond the usual bond, with two sureties, shall be given. ¹

679. Duties of Grand Chaplain.—The Grand Chaplain shall perform such duties as appertain to his office, and as may from time to time be required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge relative thereto. ²

680. Duties of Grand Marshal.—The Grand Marshal shall assist the Grand Sire in performing his duties in such a manner as may from time to time be required and perform all the duties generally appertaining to such office. ³

681. Duties of the Grand Guardian.—The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before admitting him, and allow none to depart without the usual formality. ⁴

682. Duties of Grand Messenger.—The Grand Messenger shall perform his duties as the Sovereign Grand Lodge may from time to time require, for the convenience and comfort of the members; and for his services he shall receive such compensation as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall determine. ⁵

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¹ S. J., 14081.

² S. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 1.

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683. Grand Representatives, how chosen.—Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated annually by rotation. And if vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. ¹

684. Appointment of Grand Representatives.—Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over two Grand Representatives. ²

685. Grand Representatives, qualifications.—A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree, be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing; and he must reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he repre-

¹ S. C., Art. IX, Sec. 1.

² S. C., Art. IX, Sec. 2.

sents is located. No representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time. ¹

686. Examination of Grand Representatives.—The representative or representatives of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be examined by the Deputy Grand Sire as to their qualifications for the office, previous to taking seats in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and on taking their seats each shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order, and Laws of this Grand Lodge. ²

687. Annual reports to be made.—Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next Annual Session, the number of Subordinates under its jurisdiction and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same, as well as the aggregate number of initiations, reinstatements, admissions by cards, withdrawals by cards, expulsions and deaths and the number suspended or dropped; the number of brothers relieved and the amount of such relief; the number of weeks' sick benefits paid; the number of widowed families relieved and the amount of relief; the amount paid for burying the dead; the amount paid for relief and education of orphans; the amount paid for special relief; the amount paid for total relief; the amount paid for the working or current expenses of Subordinates, the amount paid for expenses of the Grand Body; receipts from dues; receipts from admissions and degrees; receipts from rents and from invested funds and total receipts. Forms of these reports shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in current money, at par, in the City of Baltimore, Maryland. ³

688. Failure to make return, its effect.—No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall fail or neglect to make its returns to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of June, which shall be in arrears for money due to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its representative or representatives, and no representative shall be entitled to more than one vote in election for Grand Officers. ⁴

689. Certificate of Grand Representatives.—Grand Representatives shall be furnished by the Grand Bodies which they represent with such certificates as shall be required by law. ⁵

¹ S. C., Art. IX, Sec. 3. S. J., 2892.

² S. By-Laws, Art. XVI.

³ S. B.-L., Art. X. S. J., 13548, 13674.

⁴ Art. XI, S. By-Laws.

⁵ S. C., Art. IX, Sec. 4.

690. Contested elections.—In case of contested elections, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall determine to whom the contested seat belongs. ¹

691. Qualifications of Grand Representative.—A Grand Representative at the time of his election must possess the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution. ² He may, however, be nominated for that position before receiving the R. P. D., and if the degree is conferred before his election as Grand Representative, he is eligible. ³

692. An elective officer of a Grand Lodge can at the same time hold the office and discharge the functions of representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ⁴

693. Rank of P. G. R.—Past Grand Representative is not a higher rank or title than Past Grand Master, or Past Grand Patriarch. ⁵

694. A Past Grand Representative is entitled to rank as such in every branch of the Order of which he is a member. ⁶

695. Alternates.—A Grand Body cannot elect an alternate representative, but may in the event of a vacancy vest the power of appointing their Grand Representatives in their officers at their discretion. ⁷

696. The term of a Grand Representative commences with the Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge next succeeding his election or appointment. ⁸

697. Credentials must be passed upon before membership is conferred, but, a newly elected Grand Representative has no rights as such, until his credentials have been properly passed upon by the S. G. L. Until he is so admitted to membership in that Body, he has no right in any manner or for any purpose to claim the title or exercise any of the functions of a member of that body. ⁹

698. A member of the S. G. L. is referred to in debate, etc., by the appellation of representative. ¹⁰

699. Grand Secretary to forward certificate of election.—Immediately after the election of a Grand Representative it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary of the Body which he is to represent,

¹ S. C., Art. IX, Sec. 5.

² S. J., 2765, 2810.

³ S. J., 6752, 6965, 7050, 7089.

⁴ S. J., 9777, 9818.

⁵ S. J., 9372, 9456.

⁶ S. J., 9736, 9802.

⁷ S. J., 1470, 1484.

⁸ S. J., 1517.

⁹ S. J., 1829, 2700, 2764, 2810, 6984, 7054.

¹⁰ S. J., 2517.

to forward to the Secretary of the S. G. L. a duplicate copy of the certificate of election. ¹

700. Members of S. G. L. entitled to G. E. Degree.—Every member of the S. G. L. is entitled to receive from the presiding officer of the S. G. L. the G. E. degrees and all side degrees. ²

701. Rank and privilege, however, limited.—But the mere reception of these degrees does not confer any rank or the privilege of membership, or visiting a G. E. Canton or Rebekah Lodge. ³

702. Mileage, etc., to successful contestant.—In case of contested claims to seats in the S. G. L., mileage and per diem shall be allowed to him only who shall be admitted to the seat. ⁴

703. Interest as member of appealing body does not disqualify.—The representative of a Grand Lodge which is the party to an appeal can vote on the decision of an appeal. ⁵

704. In case of the extinction of a Subordinate Encampment or Lodge in which an officer or member of the S. G. L. holds membership, the seat of such officer or representative shall not be vacated thereby; *Provided*, that, within one month after such extinction he shall connect himself with some other Subordinate Encampment or Lodge. ⁶

705. Withdrawal card, when not to affect membership in S. G. L.—An officer of the S. G. L., or a representative thereto, or an officer of a State Grand Body taking a withdrawal card, does not vacate his office thereby, if the same be immediately deposited in his State Grand Body, accompanying an application for a new charter, or if on occasion of change of residence the card be within one month deposited in a Subordinate at his new residence; *Provided*, that, while holding such withdrawal card, and until such new Lodge or Encampment be instituted, such person can discharge no official act. ⁷

706. Failure to take seat at first session does not affect such membership.—A Grand Representative duly elected and commissioned who fails to take his seat in the S. G. L. at the first session of his term, does not for that reason forfeit his right to a seat at a subsequent session, his credentials being good for two years. He may, however, be arraigned and removed for neglect of duty by his own G. L. if its penal laws so provide. ⁸

¹ S. J., 2811.

² S. J., 491.

³ S. J., 1148, 1291, 1316, 11893, 12253, 12299.

⁴ S. J., 2166.

⁵ S. J., 2504.

⁶ S. J., 2811.

⁷ S. J., 3000.

⁸ S. J., 1992, 2114, 2169.

707. A representative of the S. G. L. attending its session is excused by that fact from any disqualification that he may have incurred by reason of absence from his seat in any other office that he may hold in his G. L. ¹

708. A Grand Representative who has been appointed to fill a vacancy is the representative for the remainder of the full term for which his predecessor was elected, unless the Constitution of his State Grand Body provides for an election in case of a vacancy. ²

709. The retiring Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge is eligible to the office of Grand Representative if his successor has been duly installed as Noble Grand, and if said retiring officer possesses all other requisite qualifications at the time of his election. ³

710. The office of Grand Representative is a vested right for two years, and a law—that a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has a right to declare the seat of a Grand Representative vacant who does not return to his jurisdiction on or before the first day of January following the Annual Session of the S. G. L. at which he shall represent such State, District or Territorial Grand Body, unless he shall be prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident for which the Grand Body represented shall be the judge—is *not authorized* by the *Constitution* of the S. G. L., and is incompatible with it in that it prescribes an additional qualification coupled with a forfeiture. ⁴

711. It cannot be limited by State Grand Lodge, etc.—An amendment to a State Constitution, provided that no member of the Order within the jurisdiction of the State Grand Lodge shall be qualified to serve as Grand Representative of the S. G. L. more than two consecutive terms of two years each, is prescribing a new test of eligibility for candidates, and is in violation of ancient usage and the decisions of the S. G. L. ⁵

712. Rights of G. R. during contest.—Where a Grand Representative had been elected for the constitutional term of two years, and had been duly admitted to a seat at the preceding session, but, at the second session a notice of contest to his seat was filed, the Grand Sire held that he was entitled to serve upon the Committee on Drawing Seats and was entitled to all the privileges of membership in the S. G. L., the S. G. L. not having been informed that the brother had incurred any disqualifications. ⁶

713. Credentials of Grand Representatives must be referred to committee.—When the credentials of a representative are presented to the S. G. L., before he can be acknowledged as such, his

¹ S. J., 820.

² S. J., 9502, 9734, 9801.

³ S. J., 5558, 5578.

⁴ S. J., 7378, 7473.

⁵ S. J., 7432, 7501, 8369, 8469.

⁶ S. J., 1983.

certificate shall be referred to a committee, whose duty it shall be to examine its authenticity and also the qualifications of the representative.¹

714. Grand Representative, when entitled to wear regalia.—Until the credentials of a representative are submitted and he is declared entitled to his seat, he is not entitled to wear the regalia of a Grand Representative.²

715. Credentials must fulfill all requirements.—Where the credentials of a Grand Representative fail to show affirmatively that he is entitled to a seat in the S. G. L., although there is no contest, he will not be admitted to membership therein.³

716. Grand Master's authority supreme in case of conflict in instructions, etc.—Where a Grand Master and Grand Representative of the same jurisdiction, each at different times during the recess of the Grand Lodge, instructs a Subordinate Lodge or a D. D. Grand Master in the secret work of the Order, and their instructions differ, the instructions of the Grand Master as the supreme authority in the jurisdiction are to be followed.

As it is the duty of a Grand Representative upon his return to his jurisdiction to instruct his constituent Grand Body in the work of the Order, a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch is charged with the duty of requiring of Lodges and Encampments, as well as of members, a strict compliance with the instructions received by him.⁴

717. All general laws in force January 1st following their adoption.—It is the duty of the Grand Representatives to report to their several jurisdictions all enactments of the S. G. L. in the matter of general law, and it is the duty of the executive officers of the jurisdiction to communicate the same to their Subordinates. But, their failure to do so would not render the law inoperative. All general laws come into force on the first of January following their adoption (unless otherwise ordered by the S. G. L.), whether the same have been officially announced by the officers of the jurisdiction or not. The publication of the proceedings of the S. G. L. is in effect an official announcement of law by that body.⁵

718. Grand Representatives may not instruct unless authorized.—Upon the adoption of any degree by the S. G. L. when such degree forms an integral part of the work of the Order, the Grand Representatives who are put in possession of it in the discharge of their official duties have no right to confer it upon Subordinate Lodges without having been regularly authorized so to do by

¹ S. J., 129; see 686, *supra*.

² S. J., 2781, 2818.

³ S. J., 2892, 2903.

⁴ S. J., 3739, 3821, 3843, 6615, 6690.

⁵ S. J., 12797, 13050, 13076.

their respective Grand Lodges, to which bodies the degree should be first formally reported, that they may adopt measures for putting it into operation, each within its own jurisdiction; but where such degree simply confers a privilege, and does not necessarily affect the brethren now in possession of the work, because they are not required to avail themselves of such privilege, the Grand Representative may then instruct with special authority. Such a degree would not require the approval of the State Grand Bodies. ¹

719. Grand Bodies may instruct Grand Representatives as to communication of A. T. P. W.—One principal purpose to be subserved by the office of Grand Representative being the communication of the A. T. P. W. to the executive of his respective jurisdiction before the first day of January following the session of the S. G. L., a State Grand Body has the right to instruct its Grand Representative as to the mode by which the A. T. P. W. shall be communicated to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, whether personally or otherwise, due regard being had to safety. ²

720. Place of G. R. in processions.—A Grand Representative is an officer of his State Grand Body, and in a procession organized within his State, will occupy such position as the laws of such State point out for officers. If the procession were organized by the S. G. L., a Grand Representative would take position with that body, and *ipso facto*, one of precedence over the officers and members of State Bodies. ³

721. May cast two votes when colleague is absent.—A Grand Representative representing a jurisdiction entitled to two representatives, may cast two votes in the absence of his colleague, except in the election for Grand Officers; ⁴ although his colleague be not present in the city where the Grand Lodge is held; ⁵ and although the question under consideration is the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the S. G. L. ⁶

722. The S. G. L. cannot incur expense to be assessed on the Grand Representatives. ⁷

723. Resignation of G. R. does not forfeit honors.—A Grand Representative elected and taking part in the first session of the S. G. L., but resigning before the second session, with a successor elected for the unexpired term, does not forfeit the honors of the position, but is entitled to wear the regalia and jewel, and to the rank of Past Grand Representative. ⁸

¹ S. J., 1839, 1896, 1952.

² S. J., 3621, 3688, 3707.

³ S. J., 2214, 2264, 2327.

⁴ S. J., 3237, 3207, 3208.

⁵ S. J., 7757.

⁶ S. J., 7757.

⁷ S. J., 3338.

⁸ S. J., 9735, 9802.

COMMITTEES, APPEALS, ETC.

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724. Committee on Appeals.—The Grand Sire shall appoint a Committee on Appeals two months prior to each communication, to consist of nine members, which committee shall meet on the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and consider such appeals as may be presented to them; and no appeal shall be considered by the committee except by the direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless filed with the Grand Secretary by the first day of the meeting of the committee, and the Grand Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the Chairman of the committee.¹

725. Appointment of other committees.—The Grand Sire shall, at the commencement of each communication, appoint the following standing committees, viz.:

On the State of the Order, to consist of eleven members.

On the Judiciary, to consist of eleven members.

On Legislation, to consist of eleven members.

On Finance, to consist of eleven members.

On Constitutions, to consist of eleven members.

On International Relations, to consist of eleven members.

On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to consist of eleven members.

¹ Rules of Order S. G. L., 5; See Sec. 172, *supra*.

- On the Degree of Rebekah, to consist of eleven members.
- On Correspondence, to consist of eleven members.
- On Petitions, to consist of eleven members.
- On Returns, to consist of eleven members.
- On Unfinished Business, to consist of eleven members.
- On Miscellaneous Business, to consist of eleven members.
- On Grand Bodies not Represented, to consist of eleven members.
- On Credentials, to consist of five members.
- On Printing Supplies, to consist of five members.
- On Mileage and Per Diem, to consist of nine members.
- On Drawing for Seats, to consist of five members.
- On Distribution of Grand Officers' Report, to consist of five members (as amended, 1895, Journal, 14591).
- On Patriarchs Militant, to consist of nine members.
- On Appeals, to consist of nine members.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall be appointed at the same time as the Committee on Appeals, and the Chairman shall attend at the place of the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, three days before the commencement thereof. ¹

726. No officer of the S. G. L. can serve upon any committee when the Constitution, By-Laws, or general legislative enactments do not authorize it. ²

727. Findings of facts by Committee on Appeals when conclusive.—When a report of the Committee on Appeals, or a resolution accompanying the same, is regularly before the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and action is being had thereon, the statement of the facts contained in the report of the committee and in the record of appeal, shall be deemed conclusive; *Provided* both parties to the appeal have been heard, or have had an opportunity to be heard, and the report shall so state, and it shall not be in order to make any statement in debate thereon inconsistent with the facts so stated in such report or record. This rule shall not apply when action is had upon a motion to recommit such report with instructions. ³

728. Appeal records must be forwarded to the Secretary of the S. G. L. so as to reach him by Wednesday preceding the second Monday in September of each year, so that they may be furnished the Committee on Appeals by the morning of the Wednesday following, and the briefs of both appellant and appellee, if printed at all, shall be printed separate and apart from the records. ⁴

729. Applications for opening, rehearing or review, when to be made.—All applications to open, rehear or review decisions of the S. G. L., in appeal cases, must be prepared and forwarded to

¹ Rules of Order S. G. L., 4.

² S. J., 10100, 10175.

³ Rules of Order S. G. L., 43.

⁴ S. J., 12681. See Sec. 738, *infra*.

the Grand Secretary under the same rules adopted by the S. G. L. for appeals, and be sent to the Committee on Appeals. ¹

730. Rights of members interested pending appeals.—An appeal to the S. G. L. gives to the member of the Order under penalty who is interested therein no additional privileges and no different position from those he enjoys and occupies under the laws of his State Grand Lodge. ² If a brother who takes an appeal stands suspended or expelled, he has no right to visit the Lodge against which he appeals, nor any other Lodge, during the pendency of appeal. If a brother is acquitted on charges preferred, and an appeal is taken against the action of the Lodge in acquitting him, he is, notwithstanding the appeal, entitled to all privileges and benefits of the Order to which he would be entitled if no such appeal were pending, except that he may not take a withdrawal card nor resign from the Order until the appeal is decided. ³

731. Appeal, when it does not stay proceedings.—If a Lodge appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge against an order of its Grand Lodge that it shall pay certain benefits, it is bound, in the absence of any local law providing for a stay of proceedings pending the appeal, to pay the benefits in accordance with the decision of its superior, on payment being demanded. State Grand Lodges may undoubtedly provide for a stay pending an appeal in such cases, or for the payment of the amount due into the State Grand Lodge to abide the decision of the S. G. L. If the Lodge is not able to recover back the money in case the S. G. L. decides in its favor, this is the fault of the local authorities in not providing for a stay of proceedings in such case. A Lodge, in such case, has no recourse but to rely upon its case, refuse to pay, be suspended if the Grand Master so directs, surrender its charter and effects, and abide the result. Taking the Sangamon Lodge case as indicating a precedent, the Grand Master may stay proceedings under his general powers. ⁴

732. When appeals may be taken from a G. L. to S. G. L.—An appeal may be taken from the Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge (1) by an expelled Subordinate without consent of its Grand Body, *provided*, it has surrendered all its effects; (2) by any Subordinate with the consent of its Grand Body, in which case the consent of the Grand Body must appear in the appeal, duly certified; (3) without consent by a member or members of a Grand Body, upon questions of general interest to the entire Order or to its particular jurisdiction, but not upon questions of grievances to individual members or individual subordinates; ⁵ (4) by a member or members of a Grand Body without consent, the only condition being that the decision of the Subordinate Grand Body shall stand as

¹ S. J., 10060, 10169.

² S. J., 903.

³ C. 790, Sub. C., Art. IX., Sec. 1.

⁴ S. J., 5946, 5953.

⁵ S. C., Art. I, Sec. 4, S. J., 3593, 3684
3698, 119, 120, 131, 4339, 4388.

final and conclusive until reversed by the S. G. L. ¹ (5) An individual member of a Subordinate may appeal to the S. G. L. with the consent of his Grand Body. ²

733. Wife of deceased member, when she may appeal.—If a brother appealing to his Grand Lodge wishes, in case the decision is against him, to appeal to the supreme authority, he should send with his appeal a request for permission to appeal to the S. G. L., in the event of a decision adverse to him. The S. G. L. also recognizes as appellants, wives of deceased Odd Fellows who have taken appeals from State Grand Bodies with the consent of said bodies. ³

734. A hypothetical case may be appealed to the S. G. L. from the State Grand Body with the consent of said body. ⁴

735. Appeals to Grand Sire and his decisions generally.—The Grand Sire may hear and decide certain classes of appeals ⁵ during the recess of the S. G. L. and his decisions are binding until reversed by said Lodge. ⁶

736. Questions of fact must be determined and certified.—In all cases of appeal which may hereafter be presented to the S. G. L., the Subordinate Grand Body from whose action any appeal is taken shall be required to settle definitely all questions of fact in such appeal, and shall definitely certify the same under its seal, and the signatures of the executive officer and Grand Scribe or Secretary, as the case may be, so that the sole and only business of the S. G. L. shall be to determine the law applicable to the facts thus certified. No appeal will be entertained unless these conditions are complied with. ⁷

737. When record must be brought up.—An appellant must bring his appeal and record to the session of the S. G. L. next after the granting of it; and where the appellant has failed to do this it is for the State Grand Body to determine in the first instance whether they will renew the permission to take the appeal, if satisfied that the delay was without fault or negligence. ⁸

738. Appeal papers must be in hands of Secretary five days before session.—No appeal will be considered by the S. G. L. at any session thereof unless the papers in such appeal shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary at least five days before the commencement of the session. ⁹

739. Appeal papers must be printed, when and how.—All appeal papers on appeals brought before the Sovereign Grand Lodge

¹ S. J., 9325, 9442.

² S. J., 632, 686.

³ S. J., 4873, 4896.

⁴ S. J., 6237, 6317.

⁵ Sec. 633, *supra*.

⁶ S. C., Art. IV, Sec. 1.

⁷ S. J., 3532, 13430, 13563.

⁸ S. J., 3110, 3124.

⁹ S. J., 6562. But see Sec. 728, *supra*.

must be furnished by the appealing parties, printed in pamphlet form, on a page of the same size as that of the printed Journal of Proceedings of that body; and in default thereof the respective appeals are liable to be referred back for informality. ¹ The parties appellant must present two hundred copies of all appeal papers. ²

740. Settlement of facts on appeal.—A Grand Lodge has a right to appoint a committee to prepare a statement of facts on an appeal from its action, and such statement, properly certified to, should be considered by the S. G. L. ³ The true intent and meaning of this law is, that “questions of fact” therein required to be settled may be so done by the executive officers and Grand Scribe or Grand Secretary, or proper committee of the Grand Body from which the appeal is taken. ⁴

741. Papers must show consent.—The S. G. L. will not entertain an appeal unless the appeal papers, on their face, show that the State Grand Lodge has granted permission to appeal when required by law. ⁵

742. Reference back to settle facts, when to be had.—An appeal may be referred back for the purpose of having the facts definitely settled and a duly certified statement thereof supplied. ⁶

743. Decision shall be reversed if Grand Body refuses to certify.—In any case where an appeal is taken from the decision of any State Grand Body, and such Grand Body shall fail to settle the questions of fact, or the executive officer and the Secretary shall neglect or refuse to certify them as required by law, such neglect or failure to certify shall be deemed sufficient reason to reverse the decision of such Grand Body, unless some satisfactory reason shall be given for such neglect or refusal. ⁷

744. Papers must be filed with Grand Secretary.—No appeal shall be considered by the Committee on Appeals except by direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless filed with the Grand Secretary; and the Grand Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the Chairman of the committee. ⁸

745. Local Constitutions and By-Laws to be furnished, when.—In all appeals to the S. G. L. it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers a certified copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution of Subordinates, and of the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment involved in the appeal. ⁹

¹ S. J., 2499, 2521.

² S. J., 10049.

³ S. J., 9301, 9439.

⁴ S. J., 9737, 9803.

⁵ S. J., 3684, 3698, 3833, 3847, 4339, 4388, 4389, 4417, 8111, 8178.

⁶ S. J., 3684, 3698, 4188, 4203.

⁷ S. J., 3714, 3719, 14438, 14471.

⁸ S. J., 8184.

⁹ S. J., 10481.

746. Pending appeal memorial will not be considered.—The S. G. L. will not consider a memorial in relation to the expulsion of a member pending his appeal to the S. G. L. from such expulsion. ¹

747. Re-arguments, when permitted.—To obtain a re-argument of an appeal case, it must be shown that substantial omissions or mistakes prejudicial to the rights of the applicant have been made, or something new and of importance must be disclosed which was not considered or passed upon at the former hearing. ²

748. Report of Committee on Appeals, its effect in certain cases.—The report of the Committee on Appeals, stating the facts of a given case and their conclusion, as embodied in one or more resolutions and the adoption thereof by the S. G. L., has not the effect, and should not be held as the announcement of a general principle of law, but only as the law evolved by, and applicable to, the particular case so decided, unless the facts and conclusions are such as to warrant the committee in so declaring, either expressly or by necessary implication. ³

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749. Appropriations.—No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ⁴

¹ S. J., 8737, 8798.

² S. J., 11664, 11681.

³ S. J., 8790, 8805.

⁴ S. C., Art. VII, Sec. 2.

750. Compensation of officers and members.—The officers and Grand Representatives, except such officers as receive stated salaries, shall receive a compensation for their services; to be fixed by law, and paid out of the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; *Provided*, that this Grand Lodge shall not allow a compensation, except such per diem as it may think proper, to any Grand Representative coming from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American continent. ¹

751. The compensation allowed committeemen who may render services for the S. G. L. during the recess shall be three dollars each per day while actually in session, and four cents per mile traveled to and from the place of meeting, to be computed by the nearest route usually traveled to such place, but no salaried officer of the S. G. L. shall receive any per diem compensation for said services. ²

752. Power of impeachment or expulsion of officers and members.—This Grand Lodge shall have the power, a majority consenting thereto, to impeach and try any of its officers or members, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes cast, to expel from office or membership therein any officer or member so impeached and convicted; *Provided*, that a copy of the charges preferred shall have been furnished to the accused at least three days before trial. ³

753. During trial for impeachment officer or member suspended.—During the trial of any impeachment, the officer or member under impeachment shall be debarred the exercise of his office or the privilege of his membership, but may be heard in his own defense. ⁴

754. Suspension or expulsion in Subordinate Lodge works suspension or expulsion in S. G. L.—Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to which an officer or member of this Grand Lodge belongs shall operate as an expulsion or suspension from office or membership in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled in the manner prescribed by law. ⁵

755. Invitations to S. G. L.—No invitation will be accepted that will intrude upon the time or interfere with the business of the S. G. L., unless the same has been first submitted to the Grand Sire and received his endorsement. ⁶

756. Memorial Services.—The Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, is instructed to issue a proclamation

¹ S. C., Art. XVII.

² S. J., 7789, 7864.

³ S. C., Art. XI, Sec. 1.

⁴ S. C., Art. XI, Sec. 2.

⁵ S. C., Art. XI, Sec. 3.

⁶ S. J., 12223, 12283.

annually, at least sixty days prior to the tenth day of June, requesting all Subordinate Lodges to assemble on the second Tuesday in June and engage in appropriate memorial services, respecting their deceased members; such services to be conducted in an appropriate manner. Such proclamation shall embrace the names of such officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and past officers and members, if any, who died during the term therein named; *Provided, however*, that, if a different day be more convenient for any Lodge to hold such memorial service, such Lodge may select such day.¹ Several Lodges may hold joint exercises at a selected Lodge room or suitable hall.²

757. Quorum.—Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District and Territorial Grand Bodies shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and act upon the credentials of new members, except in contested elections.³

758. Journals and Publications.—Proceedings of the Grand and Subordinate Bodies instructing representatives to bring the subject matter of such proceedings before the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall not be printed in the Journal, except by special order of this Grand Lodge.⁴

759. Articles in list of supplies to be printed only by Sovereign Grand Lodge.—All Grand and Subordinate Bodies and individual members thereof of this Order are directed to refrain from printing, publishing and issuing any article entered upon the list of supplies that form a part of the source of revenue of the S. G. L.⁵

760. Forms and ceremonies of the S. G. L. must be printed by S. G. L. only.—The Grand and Subordinate Bodies and individuals who shall print and circulate any forms or ceremonies of the S. G. L. that constitute a source of revenue to its treasury shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the laws of the S. G. L.⁶

761. Reports of officers, when and how to be printed.—The Grand Sire has authority to have printed under his supervision his annual report; but the Committee on Printing Supplies are to contract and provide for all the necessary printing of the S. G. L.⁷

762. Daily Journal.—The printer of the Daily Journal is interdicted by the proper officers of the S. G. L. from permitting any person to have access to the manuscripts or matter entrusted to his

¹ S. J., 11761, 11795.

² S. J., 11482, 11728, 11786.

³ S. C., Art. XIII, Sec. 1.

⁴ S. J., 11801, 11817.

⁵ S. J., 6277.

⁶ S. J., 6657, 6704, 8116, 8117, 8179; but see later decisions in modification, 13168, 13197, 14524, 14570.

⁷ S. J., 14478, 14512, 14976, 15069; S. B.-L., Art. XXVIII, Sec. 4, Sub. 4, Sec. 165, *supra*.

care. He is to regard the matter as private, and no one shall be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the S. G. L.¹

763. Power of S. G. L. to raise revenue.—The S. G. L. has the inherent power to raise its revenues for its own support and maintenance in such mode and by imposition of such taxes as it may prescribe. It has not, by chartering State Grand Bodies, surrendered its power in this regard to any extent so that it is limited to any particular mode or to the imposition of any special tax.²

764. Revenue generally.—The revenue of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz.:

(1.) Fees for charters of Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.

(2.) Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, seventy-five dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in the S. G. L.

(3.) Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.

(4.) Proceeds of the sales of books, cards, diplomas, odes and certificates.³

765. Sessions of S. G. L.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof has been given, as above stated; *Provided*, that, if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease, or any other cause, for the Annual Session to be held at the place designated therefor, the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held; or if the Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire.⁴

766. Judge of returns and qualifications.—This Grand Lodge shall be the judge of the certificates or returns and qualifications of its members.⁵

¹ S. J., 7413.

² S. J., 8409, 8479.

³ S. C., Art. XIV.

⁴ S. C., Art. XII.

⁵ S. C., Art. XIII, Sec. 2.

767. Visitors to S. G. L.—No brother can visit the S. G. L. except upon a voucher of a representative from the State from which he hails; and no representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless such visitor is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and is in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree. ¹

768. Voting.—Voting for officers shall be by ballot. All other voting shall be *viva voce*, or by yeas and nays, as the Sovereign Grand Lodge may determine. The yeas and nays may be demanded by one-fifth of the representatives present, and shall be entered upon the Journal. ²

769. In the S. G. L. after the introduction of other business, an appeal from the Chair comes too late. ³

770. Majority, when necessary to choice.—In the election of officers in the S. G. L., every ticket deposited, whether blank or otherwise, is a vote, and a majority of the whole vote thus polled is necessary to a choice. ⁴

771. Member not voting deemed absent.—In view of the provisions of Article XXI of the Constitution no member can be deemed present on a call of the yeas and nays whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll call of said yeas and nays, or unless he is excused by vote of this Grand Lodge from voting. ⁵

772. Reconsideration, when permitted.—It is competent for the S. G. L. at any time during its session to entertain a motion to reconsider any of its acts during that session. ⁶

¹ S. J., 4993, 5185, 5222.

² S. C., Art. XIII, Sec. 5.

³ S. J., 1620.

⁴ S. J., 871.

⁵ S. J., 7891.

⁶ S. J., 420.

CHAPTER V.

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

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773. Act of incorporation, entitled: “An Act for the Incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Subordinate Lodges thereunto belonging.”¹

Section 1—*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly:* That Charles H. Constable, F. Scammon, John M. Law, Stephen A. Corneau, Herman E. Blakeley, George W. Woodward, Henry Marfield, William Kearns, H. Foster, H. E. Roberts and William M. Parker, the present officers in the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and their successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic by the name and

¹ Approved Feb. 8, 1849.

style of the "Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," and by that name they and their successors shall and may, at all times hereafter, be capable in law to have, receive and retain, to them and their successors, property, real and personal, also devises or bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they may think proper; *Provided*, always, that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in annual value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2—That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and style and title aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all and any courts of justice, and before all and any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.

Sec. 3—That it shall be lawful for said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter and make anew from time to time, as they may think best; and shall in general have and exercise all such rights and privileges and immunities, as by law are incident or necessary to the corporation herein constituted.

Sec. 4—That the Subordinate Lodges which are now belonging to, and which may hereafter be instituted by, the said corporation and their successors, by the name and number of their respective Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Illinois, shall be declared to be a community, corporation and body politic, and to be at all times hereafter capable in law to have, receive and retain to them and their successors property, real and personal; also devises or bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they may think best; *Provided*, always, that either of the said Subordinate Lodges shall not at any time hold or possess property, real or mixed, exceeding in annual value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Sec. 5—That each of the Subordinate Lodges which now are and which may hereafter be, instituted by the aforesaid corporation, shall, from and after the passage of this act, elect or appoint annually five Trustees, and certificate of the appointment of said Trustees shall be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the county in which said Subordinate Lodges are situated; and that the said Trustees and their successors shall be forever thereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be

answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all and any judges, officers or persons whatever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever. ¹

Sec. 6—That it shall and may be lawful for either and all of the said Subordinate Lodges to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter and make anew from time to time as they may think best; and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to corporations, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted.

Sec. 7—This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Z. CASEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved February 8, 1849.

WILLIAM MCMURTRY,

AUG. C. FRENCH.

Speaker of the Senate.

774. Amendatory act entitled: "An Act for the Incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Subordinate Lodges thereunto belonging." ²

Section 1—*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly:* That said corporation and each of said Subordinate Lodges shall have power to loan money belonging to the same respectively, and take promissory note or other evidence of debt for the money so loaned or any property sold, which may be recovered in the corporate name aforesaid, in all courts or places where judicial proceedings are had.

Sec. 2—In case any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge shall cease to exist or forfeit its charter, then all the estate, real and personal, together with all the records, books, papers, vouchers, furniture, jewels, seals and fixtures belonging to such Lodge, shall immediately vest in said Grand Lodge; and all personal property, books, records, papers, vouchers, jewels, seals, furniture, deeds, money, evidences of debt, leases or mortgages

¹ Suit by Subordinate Lodges, how brought.—In an action on an account which was brought in the name of the Lodge, viz.: "Astoria Lodge, No. 112, Independent Order of Odd Fellows vs. Marsh," which is reported in Vol. 27, Illinois Supreme Court Reports, it was held, at the January Term, 1862, that "The suit should have been brought in the name of 'The Trustees of Astoria Lodge, No. 112, Independent Order of Odd Fel-

lows,' because the act of incorporation prescribes that 'The said Trustees and their successors shall be forever thereafter capable in law to sue and be sued,' hence the Trustees, not the Lodge, must sue." The amendatory act (Sec. 774 *infra*) does not seem to alter the original act in this respect, but to be in harmony with the above decision.

² Approved Feb. 16, 1865.

belonging to said Lodge so forfeiting its charter or ceasing to exist, shall be delivered over by its last Secretary, Treasurer or Trustees of the same, or other person or persons having custody of them, to the proper officer or agent of said Grand Lodge on demand, and the person or persons holding or having in their possession such funds or property failing to do this, each and every such person shall be liable to the said Grand Lodge in an action of debt for the value of the same.

Sec. 3—This act shall be deemed a public act, and take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

ALLEN C. FULLER,
Speaker of the House.

Approved February 16, 1865.

WILLIAM BROSS,
Speaker of the Senate.

RICHARD J. OGLESBY.

This was accepted by the Grand Lodge at its session in 1865. ¹

775. All Grand Bodies are recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to incorporate under legislative acts. ²

776. Grand Lodge or Encampment, how established.—The necessary steps to this end are clearly set forth in the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ³

777. Applications for charter.—The requisites and form for applications for charters are also prescribed. ⁴

778. The expenses of the Grand Sire or of the Past Grand or Patriarch in instituting the new body must be paid by the applicant. ⁵

779. Fee must accompany the petition.—The fee for institution must be presented with the petition for a charter. ⁶

780. Lodges made subordinate to new Grand Lodge.—These are specified in the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ⁷

781. Title of the Grand Lodge.—The title is as prescribed, "Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

In judicial proceedings, accuracy in the corporate name is essential. Care in the accurate use of the names of the several bodies of the Order wherever and whenever they respectively occur is one of the marks of good Odd Fellowship. ⁸

¹ Journal G. L. Ill., Vol. III, p. 561

² S. J., 3665, 3697.

³ Art. IV, Sec. 141, *supra*.

⁴ Art. V, Sec. 142, *supra*.

⁵ Art. VI, Sec. 143, *supra*.

Art. VII, Sec. 144, *supra*.

⁷ Art. XIII, Sec. 150, *supra*.

⁸ Ill. Const. Art. I, Secs. 215, 773, 774, *supra*; Sec. 994, *infra*.

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782. Authority, general powers.—All power and authority in the Order within the State of Illinois not reserved to the S. G. L. by its Constitution¹ and laws is vested in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Illinois.²

783. Powers, how limited, etc.—This Grand Lodge, under the limitations imposed upon it by its Charter and the Constitution and Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, possesses, within the State of Illinois, supreme legislative, executive and judicial authority. It has the right and power (1) to grant dispensations to establish Lodges; (2) to charter Lodges; (3) to suspend or discontinue for cause any Lodge subordinate to it; (4) to hear and determine all appeals from the actions and decisions of its Subordinate Lodges and from the decisions of the Grand Master; (5) to redress grievances of members and Lodges under its jurisdiction; and (6) to do whatever is proper according to the usages of Odd Fellowship and not in contravention of this Constitution or of the Con-

¹ See S. C., Art. I, Secs. 1 to 8 inclusive.

² S. C., Art. I, Sec. 9.

stitution and Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. No Lodge of the Order can exist in this State without its permission. ¹

784. Punishment and penalties generally.—This Grand Lodge has the power to punish by reprimand, fine or expulsion any of its members who shall refuse to obey its laws, or who shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. ²

785. Power to eject a P. G.—The Grand Lodge may eject from its sessions a P. G. who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears, and who has obtained the password improperly. ³

786. Power to expel members.—A State Grand Lodge has power to expel a member from its own body, but it possesses no power to expel a member altogether from the Order. It may order a Subordinate Lodge to try a member and to this Order the Subordinate Lodge must yield obedience. ⁴ It may decline to entertain charges against a member. ⁵

787. Only one Grand Lodge and one Grand Encampment can be chartered in Illinois. ⁶

788. Grand Lodge charter irrevokable, exceptions.—The S. G. L. has no power to alter the charter of a State Grand Lodge after it has been submitted and approved by the S. G. L., without first obtaining the consent of such State Grand Lodge; *Provided*, however, that such charter conforms to the Constitution and By-Laws of the S. G. L. ⁷

789. The Grand Lodge, however, if directed by the S. G. L. must remove any clause or article from its Constitution or By-Laws which may conflict with the fundamental laws of the Order, even though said Constitution or By-Laws may have been approved by the S. G. L. ⁸

790. State Grand Bodies are permitted to adopt such laws for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, and widows of deceased members of the Order, and Homes for the care, protection and education of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows as they may determine to be consistent with the welfare of the Order in their respective jurisdictions. ⁹

¹ Ill. Const., Art. II, Sec. 216, *supra*.

² Ill. Const., Art. III, Sec. 2, and Sec. 218, *supra*.

³ S. J., 11101, 11396.

⁴ S. J., 1089.

⁵ S. J., 7770.

⁶ S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 3.

⁷ S. J., 1063, 1090.

⁸ S. J., 1090.

⁹ S. J., 13017, 13120, 13161.

791. Names and numbers of extinct Subordinates may be used.—Any Grand Lodge may permit the use of the names and numbers of extinct Subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions. ¹

792. Restoration of expelled members.—A Grand Lodge may confer the power on the Grand Master during the recess to grant a petition from a Subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge. ²

793. Grand Lodge must enforce adherence to work as established by S. G. L.—All State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments must enforce upon their Subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdictions. They must neither adopt nor use, nor suffer to be adopted or used in their jurisdictions, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms or installations or regalia than those prescribed by the S. G. L. ³

794. Exemplification of degrees.—Grand Lodge may provide for the exemplification of the degrees of the Order while open in the Scarlet Degree and may admit to the floor of such Grand Body during such time all duly qualified members of the Order in good standing. ⁴

795. Grand Chaplain.—A Grand Lodge may elect its Grand Chaplain, but not the other officers, where positions are appointive under the laws of the S. G. L. ⁵

796. Omissions from record in certain cases authorized.—A State Grand Body has a right to omit recording such of its proceedings as in its judgment should not appear upon the record. ⁶

797. Power of Grand Lodge in case of great calamity.—When any jurisdiction shall suffer under some great calamity and a relief committee shall be duly authorized to receive and disburse money to the sufferers, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master of such jurisdiction to see that the Treasurer of such fund shall execute and deliver to him a bond to secure the money placed or to be placed in his hands for the purpose of relief. ⁷

797a. Condition of bond.—One of the conditions of said bond shall be that should there be any surplus left in his hands after the purposes for which said fund is contributed have been completed and performed, then that said obligor shall pay the same to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the order of the Grand Sire. ⁸

¹ S. J., 9699, 9793.

² S. J., 4467, 4598, 4614.

³ Sov. By-Laws, Art. XX, Sec. 157,
supra.

⁴ S. J., 9323, 9441, 10520, 10659.

⁵ S. J., 9417, 9464, 10446, 10476.

⁶ S. J., 1916, 1956.

⁷ S. J., 6578, 6642.

⁸ *Id.*

797b. Report of proceedings by committee.—In the event of such calamity any committee appointed to administer a relief fund shall be required within a reasonable time to make to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction a full and complete report of their proceedings in the premises, and especially if there should be a surplus of money on hand to report the amount thereof. ¹

797c. Surplus to be reported to Grand Sire.—Should any surplus of said money be reported as aforesaid, the Grand Master shall notify the Grand Sire of the same, who shall forthwith proceed to draw for the same to the order of the Grand Treasurer. ²

797d. Such surplus to be invested, etc.—Any such surplus of money that shall come to the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as aforesaid, shall be invested and held by him under the orders of the S. G. L. to be kept for such purposes of special relief as may seem best to conserve the purposes for which they were contributed. ³

798. A Grand Lodge has final jurisdiction over charges made against its Subordinates, and in case it declines to investigate or act upon them, the S. G. L. will not entertain an appeal thereon. ⁴

799. Construes its own laws subject to review by S. G. L.—The Grand Lodge of each jurisdiction has vested in it the right to construe its own laws, subject to the review of the S. G. L. on appeal. ⁵

800. Grand Bodies may review, affirm or reverse their former decisions. ⁶

801. Subordinate Lodges may not assemble in convention.—State Grand Lodges are directed to prohibit Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction from assembling in convention for the purpose of legislating on any subject without first having obtained the consent of their Grand Bodies. ⁷

802. A Grand Body has not the right to take testimony upon rumor, to appoint a committee to enter a Lodge and take its books for examination, or to take testimony concerning certain rumors affecting some of its Subordinates. ⁸

803. Grand Lodges must provide means to obtain full returns from their Subordinates.—Grand Bodies subordinate to the S. G. L. are required to make such laws and regulations as may enable them to collect from their Subordinates the full returns required by S. By-Laws, Article X, and as may be necessary to insure the annual return to the office of the Grand Secretary of the S. G. L. on or before the first day of April in every year. ⁹

¹ S. J., 6578, 6642.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ S. J., 8958, 9082.

⁵ S. J., 7803, 7842, 10132, 10179, 11251, 11311.

⁶ S. J., 7087.

⁷ S. J., 1786, 1807.

⁸ S. J., 9284, 9348.

⁹ S. J., 5889, 5938.

804. Matters for local legislation.—The following matters have been decided by the S. G. L. to be subjects for local legislation. The references are all to the Sovereign Journal.

CLAUSE 1. The holding of offices in a Subordinate or Degree Lodge by a Grand Master. ¹

The mode of reaching a Grand Master to obtain a decision. ²

The place of a Grand Representative in a procession. ³

The right of a Grand Representative to vote in his Subordinate G. L. ⁴

Instructing its Grand Representative as to the mode of communicating the A. T. P. W. ⁵

CLAUSE 2. The right to amend a pending amendment to the By-Laws of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge at the time of adoption. ⁶

Compensation of Outside Guardian, Permanent Scribe, Permanent and Recording Secretaries of Subordinate. ⁷

The right of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to re-elect their officers. ⁸

The right of Subordinates to declare an office vacant for inattention to duty on the part of its occupant. ⁹

The right of Grand Bodies whose territorial jurisdiction is contiguous or adjacent to pass laws permitting Encampments and Lodges in other jurisdictions to initiate or admit to membership persons whose residence, though not actually in said jurisdiction, is nearest to the place of location of such Encampment or Lodge. ¹⁰

The enactment of laws prohibiting Subordinates from initiating persons at places remote from their residence, while Lodges or Encampments are located in their immediate neighborhood. ¹¹

CLAUSE 3. Laws limiting or regulating the number of times a candidate may be proposed after rejection. ¹²

Laws regulating the time which the holder of a card that has been rejected must wait before he can again offer it for deposit in the same State. ¹³

The time when a person who is elected to membership, either by card or an original application for initiation, is to be considered a member of the Lodge electing him, and also the time of the ceremony of introduction. ¹⁴

¹ 2858, 2925, 2963.

² 3415, 3463.

³ 2214, 2264, 2327.

⁴ 2467, 2501.

⁵ 3621, 3689, 3707.

⁶ 7419, 7485.

⁷ 3117, 3125.

⁸ 4182, 4200.

⁹ 5179, 5231.

¹⁰ 3485.

¹¹ 2560, 2588.

¹² 2560, 2588.

¹³ 2214, 2264, 2327.

¹⁴ 2146, 2177.

Non-affiliated Odd Fellows.—Non-affiliated Odd Fellows, who have been regularly initiated in the Order, and have retained membership therein for at least five consecutive years, and who, at the time of making application for reinstatement or membership, shall be over fifty years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause, may be admitted to membership in any Lodge or Encampment as non-beneficial members, upon such terms as the local law may prescribe. ¹

Legislation to enable Subordinates to receive as non-beneficial members such members of defunct Subordinates as were in good standing at the time of the dissolution of such Lodge or Encampment, and who, by reason of age, are ineligible to beneficial membership. ²

The subject of changing on the records of the Order the name of a member. ³

CLAUSE 4. The subject of dues generally. ⁴

The time and manner of paying dues. ⁵

Whether a sliding scale of initiation fees and dues may be adopted. ⁶

Fixing the minimum of dues. ⁷

The amount and character of the evidence which should be required by State Grand Lodges before conferring the several degrees.

The power of a Subordinate Lodge to remit initiation fees. ⁸

Right to fix a uniform rate for depositing cards in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments and a uniform time at which members so depositing cards shall be entitled to certain benefits. ⁹

CLAUSE 5. The mode by which a Subordinate Lodge may invest its funds. Whether a Subordinate Lodge, after failure to pay benefits on account of exhausted treasury, may retain its charter and continue work. ¹⁰

The right to change the password quarterly instead of semi-annually. ¹¹

Laws relating to the length of time a brother must be a member of the Order before he is entitled to receive his several degrees. ¹²

The length of probation necessary after refusal of degrees. ¹³

Whether applications for visiting or withdrawal cards must be in person or in writing. ¹⁴

¹ S. J., 7856, 7884.

² 3690, 3707.

³ 6187, 6283, 7031, 7079.

⁴ 1896, 1952.

⁵ 7370, 7471.

⁶ 1896, 1952.

⁷ 1724, 1797.

⁸ 1248.

⁹ 1450, 1480.

¹⁰ 2770, 2831.

¹¹ 1518.

¹² 1268, 1297.

¹³ 1399, 1449, 1479.

¹⁴ 3030, 3083, 3113.

CLAUSE 6. The minimum prices for degrees. ¹

The manner of conferring past grand degree. ²

The establishment of a Rebekah Assembly. ³

The establishment of Rebekah Lodges. ⁴

The Rebekah Code has limited the legislative power of the Grand Lodge as to the Degree of Rebekah and Rebekah Lodge. ⁵

CLAUSE 7. Character of regalia to be worn at funerals. ⁶

The fining of brothers failing to attend funerals. ⁷

Whether Subordinate Lodges can charge suspended members an increased amount of arrears during the time of suspension. ⁸

The admission of members free of charge. ⁹

Whether fines in Subordinates are to be considered as dues. The dues specifically considered must have accrued for one year before the member may be dropped for non-payment. Whether a brother who owes seven weeks' dues and two dollars fines is debarred from all pecuniary benefits. ¹⁰

Whether a member, to entitle him to receive the P. W. of the current term must have his account settled to the last day of the past term. ¹¹

The right to charge for visiting or withdrawal cards. ¹²

CLAUSE 8. A Grand Body may permit its Subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues in advance, provided such requirement shall not work a forfeiture of any rights now guaranteed to members by the laws of the S. G. L. ¹³

The subject of benefits subject to minimum benefit law. ¹⁴

Laws regulating the payment of a greater amount of weekly benefits to Scarlet Degree members than those of a lower degree. ¹⁵

The care of sick brothers of other Lodges. ¹⁶

¹ 811.

² 1091.

³ R. C. Sec. 30.

⁴ 4383, 4416, R. C. Sec. 2.

⁵ See Secs. 423-460, *supra*.

⁶ 2483, 2504.

⁷ 1934, 1962.

⁸ 2780, 2818.

⁹ 665.

¹⁰ 3689, 3707.

¹¹ 2461, 2483, 2504.

¹² 2482, 2504.

¹³ 7370, 7471.

¹⁴ 1724, 1797.

¹⁵ 2562, 2629, 2664.

¹⁶ 4391, 10990.

CLAUSE 9. The way and manner of carrying out relief expenditures.¹

Whether funeral honors may be extended to brothers in arrears, but against whom no charges for unworthy conduct are pending at the time of death.²

The right to determine whether the dead can be buried by a committee of the Lodge, or by the whole Lodge.³

CLAUSE 10. The manner in which expelled members may be received back into the Order.⁴

The matter of reinstatement in cases of indefinite suspension for non-payment of dues.⁵

The manner of reinstating in case of suspension for non-payment of dues in a Lodge which has since the act of suspension surrendered its charter.⁶

CLAUSE 11. The passage of laws changing the commencement and ending of the terms of their Subordinates so that the same may commence and end with October and April, instead of July and January.⁷

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“ 828.—Returns of Grand Bodies to S. G. L.

“ 829.—Time of session of G. L. fixed cannot be altered by G. M.

“ 830.—Conflict of jurisdiction.

1 4675, 4685.

2 2780, 2818.

3 6752, 6976, 7051.

4 6274, 6313.

5 2736, 2773, 4848, 4892.

6 3350.

7 3489.

805. Annual or biennial sessions.—Grand Bodies may determine whether their sessions shall be annual or biennial, and if the latter, may elect their officers for two years. ¹

806. Revenue.—It is an inherent power in all corporate and kindred bodies to provide for their support and existence, whether such power be expressed or not in their organic law; and a Grand Lodge has the right to raise revenue for its legitimate purposes by assessment on its Subordinates. ²

807. Orphans' Homes.—Grand Lodges have the power to establish and maintain homes for the orphans of the deceased Odd Fellows and for the aged and indigent members of the Order. ³

808. Opening and closing with prayer.—All Grand and Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction may at all times open and close their meetings with prayer; and Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may open in the Scarlet Degree during the installation of Grand Officers and to exemplify work. ⁴

809. All questions in the Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting, excepting upon a call of Lodges, when representatives only shall vote, and each shall cast the number of votes to which his Lodge may be entitled. A call of Lodges may be required by any ten representatives, and whenever the vote is taken this way, the yeas and nays shall be recorded. ⁵

809 a. Each Lodge shall be entitled, upon a call of Lodges, to one vote for every ten members in good standing at the close of the last preceding semi-annual term; *Provided*, that any Lodge with less than ten members shall have one vote. ⁶

810. Taxation, basis of assessment.—Members of a State Grand Lodge are not to be taxed out of their private means; but formerly the ratio of membership in the Grand Lodge was the basis of the assessment on the Subordinate Lodges out of their Lodge funds. ⁷

811. Funds.—The funds of a State Grand Lodge are raised to pay its necessary and legitimate expenses. The attendance at its

¹ S. J., 8386, 8476.

² S. J., 3468.

³ S. J., 14156. See title Homes, *infra*, Sec. 790, *supra*.

⁴ S. By-Laws, Art. XXI, Sec. 158, *supra*. S. J., 5501, 5545.

⁵ Ill. Const., Art. VII, Sec. 4.

⁶ Ill. Const., Art. VII, Sec. 5.

⁷ S. J., 2925, 2963.

sessions of Past Grands who are not its officers or representatives from its Subordinates is not requisite or necessary to enable the Grand Lodge to exercise any of its functions, and the payment of the expenses or mileage and per diem of such Past Grands is not a necessary or legitimate expenditure of those funds. ¹

812. Appropriation for dinners, prohibited.—A Grand Body cannot appropriate funds to provide a dinner for its members, although there is no prohibition in the Constitution or By-Laws. ²

813. Aged members of defunct Lodges.—A Grand Lodge cannot pay out of its funds or assess its Subordinates to raise a fund to support aged members of defunct Lodges. ³

814. Charity.—A Grand Lodge has no right to assess or compel its Subordinates to pay assessments for the purpose of charity. Subordinates should be their own judges of their ability to pay money for such purposes. All relief other than weekly and funeral benefits must be considered as charity and be voluntary. ⁴

815. Life insurance.—A Grand Body cannot legally adopt a life insurance scheme and compel its members or Lodges to contribute thereto. ⁵

816. Libraries.—Nor can it tax its Subordinates or appropriate funds of the Order for the establishment of Odd Fellows' libraries. ⁶

817. Endowments for widows and orphans.—Subordinate Grand jurisdictions possess the right to establish widows' and orphans' endowments upon a basis of voluntary contributions. They may also appropriate only surplus funds or authorize Subordinates to loan or donate moneys from their Widows and Orphans' Funds. ⁷

818. Voluntary relief associations.—Subordinate Grand Lodges have no legal power over and cannot impose either a constitution or laws upon voluntary relief associations not created by themselves. ⁸

819. Support of sick members.—A Grand Lodge has no power to disburse its own funds, drawn from its Subordinates by taxation to meet its own legitimate expenses, for the care and support of members in case of sickness or want. It is the duty of Sub-

¹ S. J., 3682, 3698.

² S. J., 7813, 7865.

³ S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570. But see

S. J., 14941; I. J., 313.

⁴ S. J., 8076, 8174.

⁵ S. J., 7038, 7081, 8442, 8483. See title Life Insurance, *infra*.

⁶ S. J., 7381, 7474, 8651, 8761.

⁷ S. J., 12705, 13101, 13159, 12664, see Homes.

⁸ S. J., 3030, 3083, 3113.

ordinate Lodges to make provisions for the relief of its own members and it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to see that its Subordinates obey the law. ¹

820. Cannot enforce subscription to newspapers.—A Grand Lodge has no power to make it obligatory upon the members of its jurisdiction to subscribe for and take a paper founded by the Grand Lodge and devoted to the interests of the Order. ²

821. Grand Bodies must observe their own Constitution, By-Laws and laws. ³

822. Manner in which withdrawal cards may be annulled.—Grand Lodges do not have the exclusive right to legislate upon the manner in which a withdrawal card may be annulled, but they possess the right to enact laws relative thereto, provided they do not conflict with the legislation and decisions of the S. G. L. ⁴

823. Legislative functions cannot be delegated.—A State Grand Lodge cannot delegate its legislative functions. It may organize a committee or convention to frame a constitution, but such committee or convention has no right to adopt or bind the Order by its work. It can only prepare and submit to the State Grand Lodge for its consideration, and that Body alone has the authority to act. ⁵

824. Suspension of charter an act of injustice.—For a State Grand Lodge to deprive one of its Subordinates of its charter without a trial is an act of injustice, and contrary to the spirit and usage of the Order. ⁶

825. Grand Lodge Degree cannot be conferred for pecuniary consideration.—State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge Degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view of increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair; the said degree having been designed as a reward for faithful service in the Subordinate Lodges. ⁷

826. Forfeiture of Grand Lodge Charter for failure to make returns.—The Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of the S. G. L., which fail to make their returns for one year, forfeit their charters, and whenever such remissness occurs, the Grand Sire is required to take proper measures to enforce the law. ⁸

¹ S. J., 10007, 10072.

² S. J., 8839, 9025, 9101.

³ S. J., 3469, 3490.

⁴ 2145, 2177.

⁵ S. J., 1109, 1122.

⁶ S. J., 2959, 2981.

⁷ S. By-Laws, Art. XXIII, Sec. 160, *supra*.

⁸ S. By-Laws, Art. XXVII, Sec. 164, *supra*.

827. School and college reports.—Standing Resolution, No. 19, relating to schools and colleges, page 13762, Journal of 1893 (1886, page 10508), and referred to in report of Grand Secretary Ross, page 13879, has been repealed. Reports are no longer necessary as to them. ¹

828. Returns of Grand Bodies to S. G. L.—Grand Bodies must annually make returns to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on or before the first day of June. Any Grand Body in arrears to the Sovereign Grand Lodge cannot vote by its representative or representatives. ²

829. Time of session of G. L. fixed, cannot be altered by G. M.—The time fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of a Grand Lodge must be observed. A Grand Master has no authority to change the time fixed by law to an earlier or later period. ³

830. Conflict of jurisdiction.—Where a Subordinate Lodge disregards the law of its own Grand Lodge, or a provision of its own Constitution, and yet acts in accordance with the laws of the S. G. L., it is not subject to punishment by the State Grand Body. But a Subordinate would violate a law of its Grand Body at its peril; and, of course, the State Grand Body would be the proper tribunal to judge of such violation. But, if such Subordinate Lodge acted in accordance with the laws of the S. G. L., the latter would, on appeal, properly taken, protect such Subordinate. ⁴

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¹ S. J., 14089, 14146.

³ S. J., 10252, 10487, 10511.

² S. J., 9460; S. By-Laws, Art. XI,
Sec. 148, *supra*.

⁴ S. J., 3109, 3124.

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831. Membership.—This Grand Lodge is composed of the following members, viz.: one representative, who must be a Past Grand in good standing, from each of the Lodges of the State, and all other Past Grands in good standing of Lodges of this jurisdiction. ¹

832. Past Grands from other jurisdictions.—A Past Grand from another jurisdiction, becoming a member of a Lodge in this State, may become a member of this Grand Lodge upon presenting a certificate of his official standing from the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction from which his membership was transferred; *Provided, however,* that neither a representative nor other Past Grand shall be a member of this Grand Lodge until he shall have received the Grand Lodge Degree. ²

833. Past Officers entitled to their legal rights.—A State Grand Body may so regulate its Constitution as to establish a system by which its Subordinates shall be represented on a ratio of population, but it cannot legislate so as to deprive Past Officers of the right to seats in such Body, to vote for Grand Officers, or effect their eligibility to office, such rights being guaranteed to Past Officers by ancient usage and the decisions of the S. G. L. ³

834. Past Grand in arrears, without P. W., cannot sit.—A Past Grand is not entitled to admission into his Grand Lodge without the password of the current term. If being more than thirteen weeks in arrears he obtains the password, in a surreptitious manner, he does not by that acquire any rights and is not entitled to sit in his Grand Lodge. A Grand Lodge on ascertaining these facts may eject him from its sessions. ⁴

835. False certificate disqualifies.—It may also eject one who has been admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge upon a certificate made in due form when it discovers that such certificate is false in its statement of the service performed. ⁵

¹ Ill. C., Art. III, Sec. 1,

² *Id.*

³ S. J., 1084, 1119, 7762, 7832.

⁴ S. J., 11100, 11368, 11396.

⁵ S. J., 2460, 2482, 2504.

836. Representative to the Grand Lodge.—In the absence of any local prohibition, a Lodge may elect any qualified member in its jurisdiction as its representative to the G. L. ¹

837. Certificate from Lodge to G. L. takes away right of examination.—A State Grand Lodge has not the right to examine a brother in the Subordinate Degrees who presents a proper certificate from his Lodge to his G. L. ²

838. Encampment Degrees do not qualify.—The possession of the Encampment Degrees is not a qualification for a seat in the State Grand Lodge. ³

839. A Junior Past Grand may be elected a representative, ⁴ but not until his successor has been duly installed as N. G., and he has taken his seat as Past Grand. ⁵

840. Representative with proper certificate must be received.—A representative presenting to the Grand Lodge a proper certificate of qualification is entitled to be received. ⁶

841. Necessary qualification, member of his Lodge in good standing.—The only qualification necessary for a Past Grand to be a candidate as representative of his Lodge in his Grand Lodge is that he should be a member of his Lodge in good standing. ⁷

842. Officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.—The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz.: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and two Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all of whom shall be elected by ballot. Also Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Conductor, Grand Guardian and Grand Herald, all of whom shall be appointed. ⁸

843. Representatives to Grand Lodge of Illinois.—The representatives to the Grand Lodge are to be elected and hold office for two years, one-half of them being chosen each year; they are not entitled to mileage and per diem if the semi-annual reports and tax of their Lodges have not been received by the Grand Secretary prior to the first day of November. ⁹

844. Election of representative.—Each Subordinate Lodge must, on the night and immediately after the installation of officers in April, biennially, from among the qualified Past Grands in mem-

¹ S. J., 14250, 14487, 14570.

² S. J., 10953, 11005.

³ S. J., 1922, 1957.

⁴ S. J., 1286, 1317.

⁵ S. J., 5558, 5578.

⁶ S. J., 5525, 5549.

⁷ S. J., 13258, 13548, 13671.

⁸ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. I.

⁹ G. L. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 9, Clause 1, Sec. 277, *supra*.

bership in the Lodge, elect by ballot and in the same manner as prescribed for the election of officers, one representative to the Grand Lodge; but when a public installation is had, the election may be at the next regular meeting thereafter.¹

845. Form of certificate of election.—The following is the form of a certificate of a representative to the Grand Lodge:

.....Lodge No.....I. O. O. F.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

This is to certify that.....Past Grand, has been duly elected representative of this Lodge in your Grand Body for two years.

[L. S.]—In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our hands and the seal of our Lodge this.....day of.....

Attest.....Secretary,.....N. G.²

846. Certificate of election, when to be prepared and delivered.—Immediately after the election of representative, each Lodge, by its officers, shall execute the proper certificate, as set forth in the preceding section, in duplicate; one copy of which shall be forwarded without delay by mail, directed to the Grand Secretary, the other copy shall be delivered to the representative-elect.³

847. In case a vacancy arises in the representation of a Lodge, from any cause, the Lodge may, in its discretion, fill the same; but the election for filling such vacancy must not take place until the next regular meeting after the decision to fill the vacancy has been made; but when, on account of such delay of one week, there will not be sufficient or reasonable time allowed to the representative-elect to prepare to attend the next ensuing session of the Grand Lodge, or to travel thereto, then the Lodge may fill the vacancy forthwith.⁴

848. The representatives are divided into two classes, the first being those that represent odd-numbered Lodges, and the second class those that represent even-numbered Lodges. The first class are elected biennially in odd-numbered years, and the second class biennially in even-numbered years.⁵

849. Eligibility.—Every member of this Grand Lodge shall be eligible to any Grand office, excepting to that of Grand Representative, to which he shall also be eligible if he have the Royal Purple Degree.⁶

¹ G. L. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 9, Clause 2, Sec. 277, *supra*.

² G. L. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 8, Sec. 276, *supra*.

³ G. L. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 9, Sec. 277, *supra*.

⁴ Ill. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 9, Clause 4, Sec. 277, *supra*.

⁵ Ill. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 9, Clause 5, Sec. 277, *supra*.

⁶ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 16.

850. Cannot hold two offices at same time.—A member of the Grand Lodge shall not hold two offices at the same time. ¹

851. Time of nomination for office in G. L.—Candidates for office may be nominated at any time previous to the election. ²

852. Vote, validity of.—No vote shall be valid or counted unless it be cast for a candidate regularly in nomination. ³

853. Elective officers, how chosen.—All elective Grand Officers are to be chosen separately by a majority of the valid votes cast. When there are but two candidates for the same office, in the event of a tie for two successive balloting, the election must be decided by lot. When there are more than two candidates in nomination, and neither receives a majority of votes at a balloting, the one who receives the fewest number of votes shall, after the result of the balloting has been announced, be, by the Chair, declared dropped from the nomination, and the balloting shall proceed. ⁴

854. Installation.—After the election, the Grand Officers may be, at any time before adjournment, installed in their respective offices. The Grand Master, or any Past Grand Master, shall install the Grand Master-elect, who may install the other Grand Officers-elect. All Grand Officers are installed to serve until after the election and installation of their successors. ⁵

855. Obligations of an officer, by whom administered, installation.—The obligations of an officer can only be administered by those upon whom they have already been conferred. Only the Grand Master or a Past Grand Master can install the officers of the Grand Lodge. ⁶

856. Compensation of Grand Officers.—The Grand Officers, excepting the Grand Representatives, receive for their services respectively such compensation as the Grand Lodge may determine. ⁷

857. Filling vacancies.—Vacancies in any of the Grand Offices occurring during the recess are filled by the Grand Master *ad interim*, and at the first Annual Session of the Grand Lodge thereafter the vacancies are then regularly filled. ⁸

858. Removal from office.—Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his office. He shall be en-

¹ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 17.

⁶ S. J., 1085, 1120.

² Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 18.

⁷ Ill. C., Art. IV, Secs. 13, 231,

³ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 19.

supra.

⁴ Ill. C., Art. IV, Secs. 20, 238, *supra.*

⁸ Ill. C., Art. IV, Secs. 23, 241,

⁵ Ill. C., Art. IV., Secs. 21, 239,

supra.

supra.

titled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to remove him; but any officer against whom charges are preferred shall not have the right to preside during the trial, or to appoint any committee or part of a committee to examine or try the case, or to do any official act that can affect the trial or its result. ¹

859. Voluntary withdrawal forfeits honors.—By voluntarily withdrawing from the duties of his station, an officer forfeits the honors thereof, and the successor who fulfills the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors. ²

860. Pendency of charges does not suspend the accused.—An officer is not suspended from the performance of his duties during the pendency of charges against him, except so far as those duties may have a relation to the charges, such as the appointment of the whole or a part of the committee to try him, or in acting upon the report. ³

861. Suspension of officer vacates his office.—If a Grand Officer is suspended by his Subordinate for conduct unbecoming, his office is vacated. He would not be restored to his office at the end of his suspension, unless the Constitution so declared, even if the suspension were for a period of time within his term of office. ⁴

862. The right to vote.—A Grand Officer is not entitled *ex officio* to a vote in this Grand Lodge, but it is always competent for local legislation to give him that privilege, where the Grand Lodge has adopted a representative system; unless he has been elected and is duly accredited as a member, he is not entitled to vote at all, except in the election of Grand Officers, when all Past Grands in good standing in the jurisdiction are *ex officio* entitled to a vote. When his Grand Lodge is composed of all the Past Grands in good standing within its jurisdiction, such a member votes as every other Past Grand does and simply because he is a Past Grand. ⁵

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¹ S. C., Art. IV, Sec. 22.

² S. J., 1244.

³ S. J., 5194, 5245.

⁴ S. J., 7909, 8072, 8173.

⁵ S. J., 2265, 2327.

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863. Duties of Grand Master.—The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and preserve order and enforce the rules. He shall appoint all the Grand Officers *pro tempore*, and all the Grand Officers who are not elective. He shall name the members of all committees unless it is otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge. He shall give the casting vote whenever the Grand Lodge is equally divided. He may call special sessions of the Grand Lodge whenever, in his judgment, the good of the Order requires him so to do, and he shall call a special session whenever requested so to do in writing by the representatives of fifty Lodges.

He shall order the payment by the Grand Treasurer of all moneys voted by the Grand Lodge. In person, or by deputy, he shall confer all official degrees, and he shall communicate the necessary passwords to be used in this jurisdiction. During the recess of the Grand Lodge he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order in this State; shall hear and decide any grievances or complaints that may be made to him; pass upon all questions of law and usage which shall have been first submitted on appeal under seal of the Subordinate Lodge to the Lodge Deputy Grand Master, and he shall not be compelled to answer questions submitted by individual members of the Order; grant dispensations to open Lodges, and do such other acts as this Grand Lodge might do, except that he may not, by virtue of any powers conferred upon him by this section, exercise any of the legislative functions of this Grand Lodge. At each Annual Session the Grand Master shall report the dispensations to open Lodges granted by him, and such other acts as he may have done in accordance with the authority herein upon him conferred; and when an appeal is taken from any of his decisions, he shall report the decision with the appeal therefrom. All decisions made by the Grand Master shall be binding until reversed upon appeal by the Grand Lodge. ¹

864. Entire supervision of his Subordinates in vacation.—

A Grand Master has entire supervision of his Subordinates during vacation, and the right to interfere on all violations of law; and in case of persistent disobedience, may suspend the privileges of the refractory Lodge until the case is tried and determined by the Grand Lodge. ²

864 a. The power given to a Grand Master to suspend and take from a Lodge its charter, is a highly penal power, and should be exercised only in extreme cases, when injury to the Order is imminent. ³ Where the authority to suspend a Lodge is specially given to the Grand Master, he cannot delegate that authority to the judgment of another to determine the necessity for its exercise. ⁴

865. Grand Master represents, but is not independent of the G. L.—The Grand Master does not form an independent part of the governing power. During the recess, he is necessarily, to some extent, the substitute or representative of the whole Grand Lodge; but during its sessions he is only one of its constituent elements, and the presider over its deliberations. The Grand Lodge alone can claim to be the supreme tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction; to it he is indebted for his position, and to it he is accountable, and from and through it to the S. G. L. ⁵

¹ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 2.

² S. J., 3415, 3463, 14686, 15019.

³ S. J., 14634, 15019.

⁴ S. J., 14684, 15019.

⁵ S. J., 1108, 1122.

865 a. G. M. powers.—A Grand Master cannot set aside the action of his Grand Lodge, though in changing the place of meeting of a Sub-Lodge, it acts upon the petition of members without the knowledge of the Lodge, and upon learning which the Lodge officially remonstrates. He can suspend action, and should do so until he can present the remonstrance to his Grand Lodge and have the subject reviewed, and the Lodge given a hearing. ¹

866. Functions of Grand Master executive, not legislative.—A Grand Master has not the law-making power. He cannot ordain, enact or make laws or rules of procedure. His functions are ministerial and judicial, not legislative. He possesses only the powers conferred upon him by law. ²

867. Duty of Grand Master to install.—It is one of the duties as well as privileges of the Grand Master, to install, or cause to be installed, the officers of Subordinate Lodges. ³

868. Grand Master may not grant appeal.—A Grand Master cannot grant an appeal from the action of his Grand Lodge. ⁴

869. Grand Master may not direct Lodge deputy to act illegally.—A Grand Master has no right to direct a Lodge deputy to do that which is contrary to the law of the Order. ⁵

870. The decisions of Grand Master, their force and effect.—A decision of a Grand Master is in full force until reversed by his Grand Lodge. In the event of a tie vote in the Grand Lodge upon the matter, the decision must stand. ⁶

871. At installation Grand Master may take chair of Noble Grand.—When visiting for installation purposes, a Grand Master is entitled of right to take the chair of the Noble Grand, but not when visiting for other purposes. ⁷

872. Grand Master may suspend a Subordinate Lodge, when.—A Grand Master may suspend a Subordinate Lodge violating and refusing to observe the laws laid down by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. In case of suspension he shall within ten days next thereafter formulate and file with the Grand Secretary charges and specifications against such Lodge. ⁸

873. Grand Master entitled to honors when visiting Subordinate.—A Grand Master when visiting a Subordinate in his official capacity is entitled to the honors of the Order, but a Grand

¹ S. J., 146-1, 15019.

² S. J., 8111, 8178.

³ S. J., 919.

⁴ S. J., 6619, 6692.

⁵ S. J., 6568, 6630.

⁶ S. J., 4363, 4402.

⁷ S. J., 2403, 2481, 2503.

⁸ S. J., 12125, 12288, 14686, 15019.

See Art. IX, Sec. 1, Ill. Const. See 263, *supra*.

Master may visit in his individual capacity as a member of the Order, and upon such visits he should not expect to be received with the honors. It is only when he announces himself as Grand Master that the visit becomes official. ¹

874. Grand Master should wear official regalia when visiting officially.—A Grand Master when visiting officially in his own jurisdiction should wear the regalia and jewels of his office. ²

875. Cannot call meetings of Subordinate.—A Grand Master cannot call meetings of a Subordinate Lodge. ³

876. His official relations with the Lodges themselves.—A Grand Master has no power summarily to remove an officer of a Subordinate Lodge, as his official relations are not with the officers of Lodges, but with the Lodges themselves in their Lodge capacity; and therefore, if an N. G. persists in permitting improper work in violation of his instructions, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the Lodge, that unless it shall require its officer to conform to the work, it will be dealt with for insubordination. ⁴

877. A Grand Master has no right to take the chair of an N. G. to prevent that officer submitting an illegal motion. ⁵

878. Correspondence, not required to answer letters except from deputy or Lodge under seal.—The Grand Master and Grand Secretary are not required to answer any letter, unless it be from a deputy of a Lodge or under the seal of a Lodge. ⁶

879. Absence of seal does not invalidate decision of G. M.—Communications from the Grand Master containing decisions upon points of law are valid and authoritative, even if not attested by the Grand Lodge Seal, which is in charge of the Grand Secretary only. ⁷

880. Supervisory power of G. M.—A Grand Master has supervisory power over the Order in his jurisdiction, and must check the introduction of subjects foreign to the purposes of the Order. He is required to enforce the law of suppressing the publication of the work, cards and diplomas, as directed by the S. G. L. If he, or his Grand Lodge, grant permission to a Lodge to apply for relief, he furnishes written authority. ⁸

881. G. M. may hold office in Subordinate Lodge, when.—Upon principle, a Grand Master should not hold office in his Subordinate Lodge, or in a Degree Lodge. In the absence of any prohibitive

¹ S. J., 2562, 2629, 2664.

² S. J., 4716, 4842, 4870.

³ S. J., 1085, 1120.

⁴ S. J., 1839, 1896, 1952.

⁵ S. J., 3512, 3558, 3587.

⁶ C., 127.

⁷ C., 121.

⁸ U. S. Digest of 1847, pp. 46, 47.

power, he may hold any such office as will not in any way interfere with his official business. ¹

882. A Grand Master has power to act under a resolution conferring authority at a time when the Grand Lodge is entertaining a resolution to reconsider the same, he being aware of the fact. ²

883. G. M. entitled to no immunity from laws of the Order.—No member of the Order, by becoming Grand Master or by holding any other office, becomes entitled to immunity from the laws of Odd Fellowship, but is subject thereto the same as the humblest member of the Order. ³

884. If a Grand Master removes permanently from his jurisdiction and abandons his work, his office may be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as the local laws may prescribe. ⁴

885. The official power of a Grand Master only ceases when his successor is elected and installed. ⁵

886. When a Grand Master suspends a Subordinate Body of which he is a member, or withdraws its charter, such suspension or withdrawal of charter shall not affect his rank or standing in the Order during the remainder of his term of office, and for a period of thirty days after the close of said term. ⁶

887. Schools for instruction.—The Grand Master is authorized to hold schools for instruction at such times and places as he may deem proper, and to appoint and commission a sufficient number of well-qualified brothers to act as official instructors; *Provided, however,* that no expense shall accrue to the Grand Lodge on account thereof. ⁷

888. A Grand Master when introducing a visiting brother enters the Lodge in his official capacity. He announces himself as Grand Master with a visiting brother, and is entitled to be received with the honors of the Order, and must be so received. The honors are not to be given to the visiting brother unless he also be entitled thereto. ⁸

889. Official instructors.—The Grand Master is authorized to appoint a few thoroughly qualified and competent official instructors, who, upon the application of a Lodge or Lodges, shall hold meetings for giving instructions in the ritualistic and unwritten work of the Order, such instructors to be examined by the Grand Master as to qualification prior to appointment; and that the hold-

¹ S. J., 2858, 2925, 2963.

² S. J., 2748, 2774.

³ S. J., 9000, 9096.

⁴ S. J., 10253, 10487, 10511.

⁵ S. J., 10252, 10487, 10511.

⁶ S. J., 11385, 11400.

⁷ Ill. J., VII, 943.

⁸ S. J., 10716, 10952, 11005.

ing of schools by such competent persons as may be suggested by the Grand Master in localities desiring instruction be encouraged in order to increase the efficiency of rendering both the written and unwritten work. ¹

890. G. M. to enforce the laws as executive officer.—A Grand Master, as the executive officer of a Grand Lodge, must see that the law and the practice of the Order is observed throughout his jurisdiction, and in correcting errors, irregularities, or giving instructions, he is responsible for his acts; and, therefore, should employ such means to accomplish his purpose as in his judgment may seem to be necessary and safe, and for which he is willing to be held responsible. ²

891. His rights as member in Subordinate Lodge.—A Grand Master has a right to take part in the proceedings of his own Subordinate Lodge, vote for officers, membership, and on motions which may come before it. ³

892. Remedy for error of G. M., appeal.—In case of error by a Grand Master, the remedy is by appeal to the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction in the first instance, and ultimately to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The Grand Sire has no power to interfere with the Grand Master in the performance of his duties until his action has been passed upon by his Grand Lodge, unless it be in direct conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ⁴

893. G. M. may not cause records of Subordinate Grand Body to be mutilated.—The Grand Master of a Subordinate Grand Body does not possess the right or power to cause a mutilation of the records of the proceedings of such Body, either before or after their publication; the Secretary is bound to report a correct transcript of the proceedings of the Body, and the Body itself possesses the sole right to judge of and act upon a disputed fact of record. ⁵

894. A Grand Master has no authority to revive an expired withdrawal card, nor to change the time fixed by the Constitution for a meeting of the G. L. ⁶

895. A Grand Master has no power to suspend the action of his Grand Lodge, reversing the action of a Subordinate Lodge, and sending the case back for future trial. ⁷

895 a. No permission a Grand Master can give will make it legal to elect a candidate outside his own jurisdiction, unless the

¹ Ill. J., VII, 909, 927.

² S. J., 11898, 12217, 12281.

³ S. J., 1503, 1513.

⁴ S. J., 12238, 12287.

⁵ S. J., 11487, 11728, 11786.

⁶ S. J., 10864, 10902, 10252, 10487, 10511.

⁷ S. J., 6752, 7366, 7451.

Lodge of the contiguous jurisdiction is nearer the candidate's residence than any one in his own. ¹

895 b. A Grand Master has no right to direct a Subordinate Lodge to send its questions to the Grand Sire, and refuse to answer them himself, or to direct it to ask the Grand Sire for his decision, though the law upon which his decision is asked may not be pleasing or satisfactory to the Grand Master. ²

895 c. A law passed by a Grand Lodge in direct conflict with this Constitution, and without observing any of the forms required by it, is illegal and has no binding force. It is an act conceded to be outside the constitutional power of the Grand Lodge, and is, therefore, *ultra vires*—null and void. Its subsequent unanimous approval cannot give it any legal binding force. Unanimous consent can give no validity to an unconstitutional act. ³

895 d. A Grand Master may disregard a constitutional provision, if it is clearly in conflict with the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ⁴

895 e. The Grand Lodge cannot deprive its Grand Master of the powers and duties conferred upon him by the Constitution—no charges being preferred against him—by a mere *viva voce* vote, though that be unanimous, the only pretext being, that it preferred some other person should discharge those duties—there being no provision in the Constitution for suspending him—except by trial and charges. The Grand Master should proceed in the discharge of his constitutional duties as though no such resolution had been passed. ⁵

895 f. By general law the Grand Master has no power to turn over the charter and effects of a suspended Lodge to a new Lodge organized by a few of the former members of the suspended Lodge. Unless so empowered by the local law his action would be illegal. ⁶

895 g. A Grand Master has no power to compel uniform fees for initiation and degrees so long as they are what the law requires. Such an act would be in conflict with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to Lodge rights. ⁷

896. G. M. must execute directions of S. G. L.—Where an appeal is taken from the action of a Subordinate Lodge, upon a subject affecting the rights of one of its members, to the Grand Lodge, and thence an appeal is taken to the S. G. L., which directs the Grand Lodge to notify the Subordinate to comply with the action of the S. G. L., the Grand Master of that jurisdiction has the power, and it is his duty, to notify the Subordinate and direct it to comply with the decision of the S. G. L. ⁸

¹ S. J., 14682, 15019.

² S. J., 14682, 15019.

³ S. J., 14680, 15093.

⁴ S. J., 1896, 14682, 15019.

⁵ S. J., 14682, 15093.

⁶ S. J., 14684, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14682, 15019.

⁸ S. J., 9162, 9324, 9442.

897. G. M. has full power as to secret work.—In relation to matters of instruction in the secret work and to enforce uniformity in all the signs and charges, as well as in mode of working, the Grand Master has full authority in the premises, in person or by lawful authority.¹

898. G. M. may vote.—There is no impropriety in permitting the Grand Master to vote at elections for officers, as well as to vote on all questions to be determined in his Grand Lodge, when he is a special delegate or representative from his Subordinate Lodge, and provided he be not also entitled to a casting vote. The regulation of this subject belongs exclusively to the State authorities.²

899. Appeal from Lodge D. G. M.—The mode of reaching a Grand Master to obtain a decision is a matter for local legislation, and is generally on an appeal from the decision of a D. D. Grand Master.³

900. G. M. may restore suspended Lodge before action by G. L.—When a Grand Master in the exercise of his supervisory powers suspends a Lodge for violation of law, he has power to restore it without waiting for action by his Grand Lodge, unless the Constitution or instructions of his Grand Lodge limit his authority in this respect.⁴

901. P. G. may be appointed to institute R. L.—A Grand Master has the right to appoint a P. G. in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, as his deputy to institute a Rebekah Lodge.⁵

902. G. M. interprets Constitution of G. L., subject to review.—The interpretation of the Constitution of a Grand Body, during its recess, is vested in its principal officer, subject to a review by such Grand Body at its session following, and it is the duty of such officer to administer the local law according to his conscientious interpretation thereof. He may seek the Grand Sire's opinion thereon, but such opinion, if given, is not necessarily mandatory. The responsibility of interpreting and executing the local law rests in the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch.⁶

903. The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote, he shall ask: "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, the Grand Master shall rise to take the vote, and after he has risen no member shall be permitted to speak upon the question. The Grand Master shall

¹ S. J., 11731, 11787.

² S. J., 803.

³ S. J., 3415, 3463.

⁴ S. J., 13258, 13548, 13671.

⁵ R. Const., Art. VI, Sec. 7; S. J.,

13258, 13549, 13671.

⁶ S. J., 13258, 13548, 13671.

pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. ¹

904. G. M. must disseminate instructions received from Grand Representative.—A Grand Master is charged with the duty of requiring of Lodges, as well as of members, a strict compliance with the instructions received by him from the Grand Representative, and with the duty of disseminating the information given by the Grand Representative throughout the jurisdiction. ²

905. In the absence of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, the chair may be taken *pro tempore* by any member of the Grand Lodge who may be called to it by a majority of the members present. ³

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¹ Ill. G. L., Rules of Order, Art. III.

³ Ill. By-Laws, Art. I, Sec. 2.

² S. J., 3821, 3842.

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906. The Deputy Grand Master shall support the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge. His powers shall be the same as those of the Grand Master, when, during the absence of that officer from this jurisdiction, or because of his inability to act, or in the event of his death or resignation, the duties of the Grand Master shall devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master, and perform such other duties as are required of him by this Constitution, the law and usages of this Grand Lodge. ¹

907. Grand Warden, his duties.—The Grand Warden shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door, and shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge. ²

908. Grand Secretary, his duties.—The Grand Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and send to the Subordinates printed copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates; shall receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge from its Subordinates and pay the same immediately to the Grand Treasurer; shall notify each of the Subordinates of any special session that may be called, and shall procure all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge and its officers. ³

909. Practically, the Grand Secretary of Illinois is the corresponding officer of the Grand Lodge, attending during recess to all business not belonging to the Grand Master, and issuing from his office the warrants, commissions, passwords, etc., signed by the Grand Master, or authorized by him. He keeps and sells to Lodges all supplies of cards, odes, books, etc. He receives such compensation and gives such bond as the Grand Lodge may determine. The Grand Secretary is instructed, in presenting the annual report required by usage, to specify in detail the sources of revenue, and the objects of expenditures. He is instructed to insure the property of the Grand Lodge; to append an index to each annual journal of the Grand Lodge; to send no supplies unless they are paid for; to furnish printed certificates to Subordinates for their representatives; and to consider his fiscal year as ending on the thirty-first day of October.

¹ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 3.

² Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 4.

³ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 5.

He is authorized to have the reports of the Grand Officers printed for distribution at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge; to return uncurrent funds sent him, or sell them and charge the loss to the Lodge sending; and to give valid receipts for money received without the Grand Seal. ¹

909 a. By resolution the G. S. is authorized to mail to the representatives the reports of the Grand Officers prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge. ²

910. Secretaries to report to Sov. G. L., when.—The Secretary of the S. G. L. is requested to correspond each fiscal year with the Grand Secretary of each Subordinate Grand Body, requesting full information respecting all independent or attached organizations of their respective Bodies, having for their purpose the further benefits of fraternal associations, such as Odd Fellows' Homes, Odd Fellows' Orphans' Asylums, Odd Fellows' Cemetery Associations, Odd Fellows' Veteran Associations and Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations; and the Grand Secretary shall furnish abstract of the results for the use and consideration of this Grand Body. The Grand Secretary shall also prepare and forward blank forms for such reports. ³

911. Grand Secretaries must send annual returns to the S. G. L. The Grand Secretary alone has charge of the Grand Lodge Seal. Immediately after the election of Grand Representative, he must send the latter's certificate of election to the Grand Secretary of the S. G. L.

912. Grand Treasurer, his duties, etc.—The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to him by the Grand Secretary, and receipt for the same. He shall keep books containing an account of all moneys received and paid by him, to whom paid, and for what purpose; and he shall have his accounts posted at every Annual Session and submit them at that time to the examination of the Grand Lodge. ⁴

913. The Grand Treasurer, in making his report to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, is requested to state the number of the warrants paid, the name of the person to whom paid, for what the order was drawn, and the amount thereof. This does not apply to Orders paid for mileage and per diem to representatives and members of the Grand Lodge. ⁵

914. Special Relief Funds.—The Grand Treasurer was instructed to keep the special relief funds created by the Grand Lodge of Illinois separate and apart from all other funds in his hands,

¹ C., 132.

² Ill. J., Vol. IX, 1016, 1030.

³ S. J., 10078, 10516.

⁴ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 6.

⁵ Ill. J., Vol. VII, Sec. 920.

and that he hereafter report the amount of the same in accordance herewith. ¹

915. Bond of G. S. and G. T.—The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall each, before entering on the duty of his office, give bond, with two or more sufficient sureties, in such sum as the Grand Lodge may determine, to be executed and approved by the Grand Lodge, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, and for the delivery of all moneys, papers, books, records and other property appertaining to his office, whole, safe and undefaced, to his successor in office. ²

916. Offices of Recording Secretary and Treasurer incompatible.—A brother cannot hold the two offices of Recording Secretary and Treasurer at the same time, in any Lodge, Grand or Subordinate, in the Order, as the case may be. This applies to Encampments and Grand Encampments, as well as to Lodges and Grand Lodges. ³

917. Grand Representative, duties, etc.—The Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the S. G. L. and represent this Grand Lodge therein. ⁴

918. Entitled to honors.—The Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Illinois are elective officers thereof, and are entitled to the honors of the Order when visiting a Subordinate officially. ⁵

919. Duty of G. R. on return from session of S. G. L.—As it is the duty of a Grand Representative, on his return to his jurisdiction, to instruct his constituent Grand Body in the work of the Order, a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch is charged with the duty of requiring of Lodges and Encampments, as well as of members, a strict compliance with the instructions received by him from the Grand Representative. ⁶

920. The rights, duties and privileges of Grand Representatives. ⁷

921. The Grand Chaplain shall perform the duties peculiar to his office. ⁸

922. The Grand Marshal shall assist the Deputy Grand Master in supporting the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge. He shall, when requested, attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the Subordinates; shall make proclamation for the Grand Master when required so to do; shall obey his commands and perform such other

¹ Ill. J., Vol. VII, 921.

² Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 14.

³ S. J., 10255, 10487, 10511.

⁴ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 12.

⁵ S. J., 3738.

⁶ S. J., 3821, 3842, 3843.

⁷ See Secs. 683-723, *supra*.

⁸ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 7.

duties as are required of him by the Constitution, laws and usages of this Grand Lodge. ¹

923. The Grand Marshal is required, when the Body of which he is an officer appears in procession, and at grand visitations, to take charge of the same, and to make all necessary arrangements for the comfort and accommodation of the officers and members. His duties continue during the term of service connected with his office, and during that time he cannot be displaced without cause. ²

924. The Grand Conductor shall attend to the comfort and convenience of the Grand Lodge, and during its session shall execute the commands of the Grand Master. ³

925. The Grand Guardian shall attend at the inner door of the Grand Lodge and permit none to enter or depart without the consent of the Grand Warden. ⁴

926. The Grand Herald shall attend at the outer door of the Grand Lodge. He shall have charge of the personal property of the Grand Lodge, and keep the same in good order. ⁵

927. The Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties herein specified, perform such other duties as may be imposed upon them by law. ⁶

928. Grand Officers should address the chairs of the Subordinate Lodges as other members. Grand Honors should be given them immediately after their recognition by the officers of the Lodge, as well as before retiring from the Lodge. ⁷

929. The elective officers of State Grand Lodges may introduce visiting brothers of other jurisdictions to Lodges under their jurisdiction without subjecting them to the usual examination. ⁸

930. The Grand Lodge of Illinois shall furnish no regalia except for its officers; all unofficial members must furnish or bring regalia for their own use. ⁹

931. Privileges.—A Past Grand Master has a right to announce his title as such when visiting a Subordinate Lodge on ordinary occasions, but he is not entitled to the honors of the Order unless he visits on official business, which he should announce. ¹⁰

932. Lodge Deputy Grand Masters, also called District Deputy

¹ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 8.

² S. J., 1392.

³ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 9.

⁴ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 10.

⁵ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 11.

⁶ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 15.

⁷ S. J., 4467, 4626, 4671.

⁸ S. J., 400.

⁹ C., 151.

¹⁰ S. J., 4993, 5185, 5222.

Grand Masters by the S. G. L. The Grand Master shall appoint a duly qualified Past Grand as the Lodge Deputy Grand Master for each Subordinate Lodge, who shall serve as such until his successor shall have been appointed, or until removed by the Grand Master. The Lodge Deputy Grand Master shall obey the commands of the Grand Master, decide all questions of law and usage when submitted to him in writing under the seal of the Subordinate Lodge; giving his answer thereto also in writing. Said decision of the Lodge Deputy Grand Master shall be binding upon the Lodge, unless an appeal is taken to the Grand Master, in which case the Lodge Deputy Grand Master shall transmit the original papers (being the question and answer) to the Grand Master. The Lodge Deputy Grand Master shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed for him by the laws of the Order.¹

933. Lodge Deputy Grand Masters are only the executive agents of the Grand Officers they represent, with a general supervisory power in the absence of their principals. They have no separate or independent existence, have not been elected to office, and are not recognized as officers of any Grand Jurisdiction.²

934. Their authority depends for the most part on local law. The general laws of the Order do not seem to define their duties and powers.³

935. A Lodge Deputy Grand Master has not the right to introduce visitors whose cards are out of date, that power being restricted to elective Grand Officers.⁴

936. Honors.—When District Deputy Grand Masters visit a Subordinate Lodge for the purpose of installing the officers-elect, or upon other official duty, they, as the representatives of the Grand Master, shall be accorded the same honors that are given to that officer.⁵

937. A special deputy appointed to institute a Lodge or Encampment fulfills that duty when such Lodge or Encampment is instituted and he has made report of the same.⁶ He continues as the regular deputy in charge thereof until some other Past Grand is appointed deputy by the Grand Master.⁷

938. Powers and restrictions.—Lodge Deputy Grand Masters and Past Grands deputed to install the officers of Subordinates are charged with special duty, clearly prescribed by law, and are entitled to all the respect due to the officer whom they represent, but they

¹ Ill. C., Art. V, Sec. 1.

² S. J., 6207, 6262.

³ S. J., 10251, 10487, 10511.

⁴ S. J., 2859, 2925, 2963.

⁵ S. J., 4883, 4919.

⁶ S. J., 4240, 4414, 4430.

⁷ C., 333.

have no authority summarily to deprive a Lodge of its charter, nor any right to assume the rank of elective officers and introduce strangers into a Lodge without a card or password. ¹ A Past Grand who has been appointed by a Lodge Deputy Grand Master to install the officers of a Lodge is not entitled to the honors of the Order when he appears for that purpose. Lodge Deputy Grand Masters, when visiting to install the officers or otherwise officially, are to be received with the honors of the Order. ²

939. The duties of a Lodge Deputy Grand Master are these:

CLAUSE 1. To act as the special agent and representative of the Grand Lodge in his own Lodge, and under the general or special instructions of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, to act as their agent in the Lodge, and to do and perform all matters relating to the Order given into his charge. In cases of doubt, he is to consult the Grand Master, or the Grand Secretary if the business relates to the Grand Secretary's office.

CLAUSE 2. To see that the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of Illinois are strictly observed, and to stay all proceedings in the Lodge which are illegal or irregular, or which afford ground for suspicion of error or fraud.

Explication.—This means that any illegal or fraudulent acts of a Lodge or its officers may be stopped at any point in the proceedings; this may be done when the action is about to be taken or when it is partly effected and still incomplete, or when the object of the act is not yet effected, or when the act can be recalled; and this stay of proceedings or reversal of action may take place whether the action of the Lodge be positive or negative in form; that is, whether it be a resolution to do an illegal act or a refusal to perform an imperative duty. The deputy may stay proceedings orally, but must reduce his prohibition to writing immediately. The action of the deputy in such case becomes a part of the transactions of the Lodge and must go upon its records, and the whole case must be sent at once to the Grand Master.

CLAUSE 3. To visit his Lodge at least once in each month and to see that the work of the Order is done correctly.

CLAUSE 4. To install the officers of his Lodge or to cause them to be installed by a Past Grand to whom the deputy gives written authority.

CLAUSE 5. To give the passwords to the Noble Grand and the Vice Grand only.

CLAUSE 6. To confer the Past Official Degree on qualified past officers, or to authorize it to be done by some competent Past Grand.

¹ S. J., 1840, 1896, 1952.

² S. J., 6229, 6278.

CLAUSE 7. To keep a record or journal of all his official acts: (a) Of each application for a dispensation, stating whether the dispensation was granted; and if refused, why; (b) of the date of all installations, with names of officers installed; (c) of all decisions made by him; (d) of all other matters appertaining to his office.

CLAUSE 8. To make, not later than four weeks before the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, a report to the Grand Master of all his acts not previously reported.¹

940. The following powers are conferred upon a Lodge Deputy Grand Master :

CLAUSE 1. To decide upon all questions presented him by his Lodge or its officers, and no others. A question of the Lodge must be by resolution, and in writing; the answer should be in writing; but if oral, it must be given in open Lodge and recorded. A question presented by an officer must be in writing if possible; but if it arises during the meeting of a Lodge, and the Noble Grand thinks it should be answered without delay, the question may be oral. The answer should be in writing, but in emergency it may be oral; in either case it must go upon record, as the question is also to be recorded.

CLAUSE 2. Upon proper application and presentation to him of the duly attested record of proceedings, etc., in a case wherein an appeal is to be taken, the application and notice of appeal accompanying said record, the Lodge Deputy Grand Master may suspend further action or proceedings in the case or under the decision against which appeal is taken, until the further order of the Grand Master can be had. Such stay of proceedings must be in writing and entered on record.

Explication.—Under this Clause 2, a Lodge Deputy G. M. may arrest a sentence of fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion until the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals has examined and decided the appeal or his action is set aside by the G. M. He may suspend the payment of a sum of money from the treasury until an appeal respecting the payment has been decided. He cannot, however, arrest a trial on any incidental question; it must be conducted to its close and appealed on the final result.

CLAUSE 3. He may grant dispensations as follows: (a) To allow a person to be proposed, reported upon, elected and initiated or admitted by deposit of card, on one and the same evening; (b) to permit a Lodge to elect a Third Degree member to the office of Noble Grand, if no Past Grand or Past Vice Grand free from charges and in good standing, will accept it; (c) to allow his Lodge to join in the ordinary celebration of national festival days;

¹ C., 328.

(d) to allow, upon sufficiently urgent reasons, the conferring of degrees upon a brother who has been a member less than one week. ¹

941. Prohibitions control a Lodge Deputy Grand Master as follows:

CLAUSE 1. He may not issue any other dispensations than those allowed in Section 940, Clause 3.

CLAUSE 2. He may not give any official decision upon a question or appeal, except as provided in Section 940, Clause 1.

CLAUSE 3. He may not officially decide any question that may arise during the progress of a trial; at such time his position is the same as that of any other member.

CLAUSE 4. He may not set aside charges regularly and legally made, whether against himself or any other member of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 5. He may not set aside a ballot without assignment of legal reasons; this only upon the ground of error or fraud.

CLAUSE 6. He may not act as attorney for the defendant in a trial; and similarly, he should not, if avoidable, be one of a prosecuting committee.

CLAUSE 7. He may not install officers unless they are duly qualified according to law, which fact he must ascertain.

CLAUSE 8. He may not take the charter of his Lodge. He may not remove any officer of the Lodge for any cause. He may not interfere with the functions of any officers of the Lodge, nor take any officer's chair, nor usurp his place, nor interrupt his legal proceedings.

CLAUSE 9. He may not assume the privileges of a Grand Officer or introduce visitors without card or password.

CLAUSE 10. He may not receive compensation for official visits in his own town or city.

CLAUSE 11. He may not set aside the regular By-Laws of a Lodge. ²

942. Commission of deputy to be read and recorded.—The commission of a deputy must be read in the Lodge on occasion of his first official visit thereto; and the fact of such visit and reading must be entered on the records. ³

943. Misfeasance of deputy.—Whenever the deputy having charge of a Lodge has neglected his duty to the Lodge, the Lodge, after reasonable notice to the deputy, may, by vote of two-thirds of

¹ C., 329, 849.

³ C., 331.

² C., 330.

the members present, address a complaint to the Grand Master, who may, in his discretion, declare the deputy displaced; whereupon the vacancy is to be filled according to law. ¹

944. Commission of special deputy expires, when.—A special deputy who has been duly authorized and given power to institute a Lodge, having failed to do so before the expiration of the term of the Grand Master appointing him, cannot afterwards legally proceed to institute. His authority as a special deputy or agent was terminated when the authority of the appointing power ceased. ²

945. A motion of Lodge D. G. M.—A Lodge Deputy Grand Master may be removed by the Grand Master if he neglects or refuses to perform the duties enjoined on him by law. ³

946. When Lodge D. G. M. may or may not act.—A Lodge Deputy Grand Master can act as a Recording Secretary, but he cannot act as Noble Grand or Vice Grand. ⁴

947. Not entitled to rituals.—The Lodge Deputy Grand Masters are not entitled to copies of the rituals. They have no use for the same, as all of the forms used by them are printed in the institution and installation books, and the book of forms published by the S. G. L. ⁵

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 948.—Standing Committees of Grand Lodge.

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- “ 963.—Mileage and Per Diem of committeemen.
- “ 964.—Roster of Lodges.

¹ C., 332.

² S. J., 10087, 10172.

³ S. J., 6568, 6630.

⁴ S. J., 12177, 12274.

⁵ S. J., 11106, 11368, 11396.

948. Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge.—The Grand Master at each Annual Session shall, within twenty days after his installation as such, appoint the following committees to serve one year, viz.: (1) On Credentials, three members; (2) on the State of the Order, five members; (3) on Legislation, five members; (4) on Finance, three members; (5) on Rebekah Degree, three members; (6) on Mileage and Per Diem, ten members; (7) on Railroads, three members; (8) on Printing, five members. In the order of business the report of these committees shall be called and have precedence in the order in which they are herein named. And within twenty days after the adoption of this amendment, the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, to consist of five members, one of whom shall be appointed for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years, and thereafter at each Annual Session the Grand Master, immediately after the installation of the Grand Officers, shall appoint one member of the said committee for the full term of five years; and shall, whenever a vacancy exists in the membership of said committee, occasioned by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, fill such vacancy by appointment, and such appointee shall fill out the unexpired term of his predecessor. ¹

949. The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals ² shall have appellate jurisdiction, to hear and determine all questions arising by appeal from the action or judgment of any Subordinate Lodge, or otherwise, which may be referred to them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, or which may be presented to said committee by virtue of any legislation of this Grand Lodge, now or hereafter in force. And shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all other cases which may arise under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted for that purpose, and shall examine and approve or reject the By-Laws of all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and may so approve or reject the same in whole or in part, but shall have no power to change any part thereof in any other manner; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Grand Master from hearing and determining any question that may arise by petition or complaint of any grievance, by the wrongful act of any Lodge officer or member, or otherwise interfere with the Grand Master in the exercise of his authority as the executive officer of this Grand Lodge. ³

950. The Constitution assigns to the Grand Master the appointment of committees at his discretion, which cannot be interfered with. ⁴

¹ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 1.

² Sec. 948.

³ Ill. C., Art. II, Sec. 1.

⁴ C., 153, Sec. 243, *supra*.

951. Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, sessions, etc.

—The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals shall hold four sessions annually, to-wit: Three at the office of the Grand Secretary, unless the committee is notified by the Grand Secretary that there is not any business to come before them; one beginning on the third Tuesday of February, one beginning on the third Tuesday of May, and one beginning on the third Tuesday of August, and the fourth session shall be held at the time and place of holding the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary shall be the clerk of said committee, and shall keep an accurate record of all their transactions, and shall have the care, custody and control of all its records, papers, etc.

At each session of said committee, the member having the shortest term to serve shall act as Chairman, and each of said committee shall be paid mileage at the rate of six cents per mile, by the nearest route from his place of residence to the office of the Grand Secretary, or to the place of holding the session of the committee, as the case may be, for each of such sessions, and a per diem of three dollars for each day actually occupied, to be paid upon the certificate of the Chairman of the committee. ¹

951a. Judgments and decisions.—The said committee shall reduce all their judgments and decisions to writing, and file the same with the Grand Secretary. ²

951b. All processes, whether in the nature of summons, subpoenas, or otherwise, shall be under the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signature of the Grand Secretary. All appeals hereafter taken from the final judgment or action of any Subordinate Lodge shall be taken and referred to the said Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. And the decisions and judgments of said committee shall, unless appealed from within thirty days, be final, and stand as the judgment and decision of this Grand Lodge. The time should evidently not begin to run until the decision is filed and notice of the same has been given to the defeated party; until notified, a party's rights cannot be taken away. ³

951c. An appeal from the decision or judgment of said committee to this Grand Lodge shall be allowed, and such appeal shall be considered and determined at the session next after such appeal is taken, except in case such appeal is taken during a session of the Grand Lodge, in which case such appeal may be considered and determined at such time as the Grand Lodge may direct. A notice in writing, directed to the Grand Secretary and signed by the member appealing, or the Noble Grand or Secretary of the Lodge, under the seal of the Lodge in all cases where a Lodge appeals, briefly stating the fact of such appeal and the reasons assigned therefor, shall be the only requirements of such appeal. ⁴

¹ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 5.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

952. The Committee on Credentials shall report without delay on the credentials of representatives and Past Grands. ¹

953. The reports of the Committee on Credentials are privileged to take priority of all other business, until disposed of; but the reports of all other committees, after having been submitted, shall take their place in order among the unfinished business. ²

954. The Committee on the State of the Order shall report upon the reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, in so far as such reports relate to the state of the Order. The committee shall also report upon the condition and progress of the Order in this jurisdiction, upon application for charters and upon such other matters as may be referred to it. ³

955. The Committee on Legislation shall report upon all resolutions referred to it proposing the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any law, and upon such other matters as may be referred to it. ⁴

956. The Committee on Finance reports upon all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, previous to such accounts and claims being allowed. It audits semi-annually the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and the accounts of all officers and committees entrusted with the receipt and disbursement of funds of the Grand Lodge, and from time to time is to suggest such measures of finance as it may deem expedient. ⁵

957. The Committee on Rebekah Degree shall report upon all matters relating to the Rebekah Degree and Rebekah Lodges referred to it. ⁶

958. The Committee on Printing shall superintend all printing and shall purchase all stationery and blanks not supplied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They shall advertise for bids for printing the reports of the Grand Officers, the proceedings of the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, in both English and German languages, and such other printing as may be required by the Grand Officers, awarding the contract for such work to the lowest responsible bidder, and reporting the original list of said bidders, with the prices they had offered to perform the work for, to the next session of the Grand Lodge. They shall sign all bids for which they may have awarded contracts as being correct, and forward the same to the Finance Committee for their approval. And no warrant or warrants shall be drawn by the Grand Secretary for the payment of any printing bill until the same has been approved by a majority of the Finance Committee. ⁷

¹ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 2.

² Rules of Order G. L. of Ill., Art. I, Sec. 3.

³ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 3.

⁴ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 4.

⁵ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 6.

⁶ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 7.

⁷ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 8.

959. The Committee on Printing shall advertise for bids for the printing of the Journal sixty days before the session, and award the work. It shall have the Journal ready for delivery to the Lodges within forty-five days after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Officers respectively shall furnish copies of their reports to the Printing Committee two weeks prior to the session, and the committee shall have them printed for the session. The Grand Secretary shall furnish the tabular matter in fifteen days, and the rest of the copy of the Journal of Proceedings within thirty days after the close of each Annual Session of the Grand Lodge. ¹

960. The Committee on Railroads shall, if possible, procure reduced rates of fare over the several railroads of the State for members of the Grand Lodge attending the session thereof; and shall report to the Grand Secretary, at least three weeks before any session, the names of railroad companies giving reductions of fare, and all the details of the arrangements made therewith. ²

961. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall report the number of miles necessarily traveled by the shortest traveled route by each Grand Officer and Representative, the number of days attendance of same, and the amount due to each. The committee shall make its estimate by allowing six cents mileage one way, and three dollars per diem. ³

962. Committees generally governed by established law.—The rules of the Order of the Grand Lodge prescribe how their respective reports shall be addressed and signed, how majority and minority reports shall be received or entertained. Generally these reports are to lie over until the next day; they may be taken up on presentation, by a two-thirds vote. These rules also require that every report of the committee shall be complete and intelligible in itself; references to the reports of the Grand Officers should clearly designate the portion thereof referred to, and the Code, Digest, Constitution or By-Laws designated by number of Sections and Article; in recommending or disapproving of a resolution, the purport of the same should be given, naming the mover thereof. ⁴

963. Mileage and per diem of committeemen.—It is only an act of justice on the part of this Grand Lodge to pay the members of the Standing Committee, who are not representatives, mileage and per diem. The members of the Standing Committee prepare all the important work of the Grand Lodge, and, by such preparation, save a great deal of valuable time, and thereby lessen the expenses of each session of this Grand Body; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of the Standing Committees, who are not representatives, shall be paid mileage and per diem for their services upon said Standing Committees; and be it further

¹ Ill. J., Vol. IX, 1016, 1030. See Printing.

² Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 9.

³ Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 10.

⁴ Sec. 286, *supra*; Art. VI, Ill. R. O.

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation be required to report for duty at the place where the Grand Lodge will be held upon Monday morning at 9 o'clock, preceding the third Tuesday in November. ¹

964. Roster of Lodges.—The Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem is allowed the sum of fifteen dollars at each session of the Grand Lodge for preparing the Roster of Lodges necessary to issue his order from. ²

CHARTERS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES AND THEIR INSTITUTION.

SECTION 965.—Powers of Grand Lodge as to charters to Subordinates.

- " 966.—Charters, when to issue.
- " 967.—Requisites to the grant of charters.
- " 968.—Institution.
- " 969.—Applications for charter.
- " 970.—Organization of Lodges where there is no Grand Lodge.
- " 971.—Not to be named after living person.
- " 972.—Petitions with charter fee to be transmitted to Grand Secretary; Grand Secretary to transmit warrant.
- " 973.—Dispensation to ten members to institute new Lodge.
- " 974.—Cannot receive two charters; but granting power cannot change phraseology of original charter; duplicate in case of destruction to be endorsed; that is, it is issued to take the place of one destroyed.
- " 975.—Duplicate charter in case of loss or mutilation.
- " 976.—Records of facts in warrant, cannot be changed by Grand Bodies or Subordinate.
- " 977.—Lodge to be instituted by Grand Master or a Past Grand.
- " 978.—Dispensation to open a new Lodge.
- " 978a.—Grand Master to open in the Scarlet Degree.

965. Powers of G. L. as to charters to Subordinates.—A Grand Lodge has power to refuse or to grant charters to Subordinate Lodges and to open such Lodges according to the prescribed form. ³

966. Grand Lodges issue charters to Subordinate Lodges and Degree Lodges; ⁴ also to Rebekah Assemblies and Rebekah Lodges. ⁵

967. Charters may be granted as follows, namely: (1) On the written application of five or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge where there is no Lodge, or where there is no Lodge working in the language of the proposed Lodge; (2) on the written application of ten or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge where not more than nine Lodges are working in the language of the proposed Lodge; (3) on a written application of

¹ Ill. J., Vol. IX, 78, 105, 143.

⁴ S. J., 7812, 7865.

² Ill. J., 1896, 329, 330.

⁵ S. J., 14010, 14014, 14086. See

³ U. S. Digest of 1847, 45; S. J., 1743, Rebekah Branch, *infra*.
1798, 14888.

twenty or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge where ten or more Lodges are working in the language of the proposed Lodge; *Provided*, the application shall be approved by at least two-thirds of the Lodges working in the language of the proposed Lodge at such place.¹

968. Institution of a new Lodge.—Grand Masters and their duly commissioned and appointed deputies, may, under such rules and regulations as may be presented by the Grand Lodges, initiate and confer degrees for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge in a locality not less than ten miles from any other Lodge, a sufficient number of applicants to constitute such new Lodge; *Provided* such persons shall first make regular application for membership in the Lodge nearest such locality, and upon due reference of such application, examination and report of such committee, according to the By-Laws of such Lodge, and said Lodge shall recommend such persons to membership by the constitutional vote required for the election of members, which vote shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Noble Grand and Secretary of such Lodge under seal.² Authority was given by the Grand Lodge of Illinois to the Grand Officers of that Body to carry the above law into effect in this State.³

969. Who may apply to Grand Lodge for charter.—A brother holding a withdrawal card out of date, or dismissal certificate, may join in applying for a charter for a new Lodge of Odd Fellows, but the application must be signed by five Third-Degree members who hold unexpired withdrawal cards.⁴ Contributing members of Subordinate Lodges holding expired withdrawal cards are also competent applicants for charters for new Lodges and there is no limit to the age of the card.⁵ Residents of one parish or county have the right to apply in regular form for a charter to open a Lodge in another parish or county of the same State where there is no Lodge in existence.⁶

970. Organization of Lodges where there is no Grand Lodge.—Upon the petition of five brothers of the Order of the Degree of Truth, praying for a charter to institute a Subordinate Lodge in a State, District or Territory where a Grand Lodge has not been established, the S. G. L. may grant the same. Each Subordinate Lodge receiving a warrant from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall be instituted by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputed therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such Lodge the warrant and charge books, and shall, at the institution thereof, give all necessary instruction. Such Lodge shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand, deputized by him for that purpose, or by a District Deputy Grand Sire.⁷

¹ Ill. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 1.

² S. J., 8682, 8763, 8996, 9096.

³ Ill. J., Vol. VII, 339.

⁴ S. J., 10715, 10951, 11005.

⁵ S. J., 4993, 5114, 5194, 5245, 3861.

⁶ S. J., 1639.

⁷ S. By-Laws, Art. I.

971. Lodge may not be named for living person.—The name of any person while living shall not be used as the chartered name or title for any Lodge or Encampment to be instituted under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or under that of any jurisdiction subordinate thereto. ¹

972. All petitions for new Lodges, together with the charter fee for the same, shall be transmitted directly to the Grand Secretary, the petition to be accompanied by the cards of the petitioners, who shall, upon the order of the Grand Master, transmit to the designated instituting officer a warrant for the new Lodge, with all necessary books and papers, blanks and instructions. ²

973. A dispensation may authorize ten members to constitute a Lodge, yet its membership is composed only of those who, pursuant to that authority, appear and assume before the instituting officer the obligations required by our laws. The absentees can only gain admittance by withdrawing their cards from the hands of the Grand Officers and applying in the usual mode for admission to membership by card. ³ A Grand Master cannot waive the presence of card and permit him to be admitted without it. ⁴

974. Duplicate charter in case of loss or mutilation.—In granting a duplicate charter, where the original has become mutilated or destroyed, the granting power cannot change or vary the phraseology of the original charter. The duplicate should be signed by the officers of the Body granting such duplicate, with an endorsement stating that the charter is issued in place of one granted at such a time, and which has become mutilated or destroyed. ⁵ But see S. J., 7718, 7760, 7832.

975. If a charter is lost or destroyed by fire or other casualty the Grand Master shall cause a duplicate charter to issue at once, and shall report such issue to the next session of the Grand Lodge. ⁶

976. A charter being a confirmation of matters of record as contained in the warrant, it is not within the province of a Subordinate or Subordinate Grand Body to change or vary the record of facts contained in said warrant, and when the charter is issued, even if one of the petitioners for the Lodge has been expelled from the Order, his name cannot be omitted or stricken out. ⁷

977. Every Lodge opened in this jurisdiction shall be instituted by the Grand Master or a Past Grand especially deputed to do the duty, who shall give to the Lodge, with the charter or warrant, the necessary instructions and charges. The expenses of the instituting officer shall be paid by the Lodge instituted. ⁸

¹ S. J., 5153, 5184.

² C., 173.

³ S. J., 2265, 2327.

⁴ S. J., 7802, 7842.

⁵ S. J., 2699, 2764, 2810.

⁶ C., 176.

⁷ S. J., 8113, 8179.

⁸ Ill. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 2.

978. Dispensation.—A dispensation to open a new Lodge is reported to the next session of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, whereupon the Grand Lodge may grant or refuse charter. If charter is refused, membership is terminated. ¹

978 a. A Grand Master or his deputy in instituting a new Lodge opens a Lodge in the Scarlet Degree. ²

CONSOLIDATION OF BODIES AND SURRENDER OF CHARTERS.

SECTION 979.—Consolidation of Subordinates.

“ 980.—Consolidation prior to September 22, 1883, legalized.

“ 981.—Grand Lodge may provide details for consolidation.

“ 982.—To allow surrender of charter and dropping name and number.

“ 983.—Consolidation by legislation of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

“ 984.—Property of consolidated Lodges.

“ 985.—Charter of Subordinate Lodge cannot be surrendered, when.

979. Consolidation.—Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are fully authorized to enact such legislation within their respective Grand Jurisdictions as shall fully authorize the consolidation of two or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments into one Lodge or Encampment. ³

980. The S. G. L., by resolution, has legalized the consolidation of all Lodges and Encampments made prior to the 22d day of September, 1883. ⁴

981. Grand Lodge may provide details for consolidation of Subordinates.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge having authorized consolidation to be made under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed in the several Subordinate Grand Bodies, it is their province to legislate on the subject and arrange details as to the disposition of records, property, etc., belonging to the Subordinates that may be consolidated. ⁵ The Grand Lodge has a right to give a new name and number to the consolidated body. The new Lodge can reinstate or grant dismissal certificates to the suspended members of either, and can annul clearance cards granted within a year. ⁶

982. The Grand Master is empowered to allow by dispensation two adjacent Lodges to consolidate and unite their membership and property, dropping the name and number of one of the Lodges and surrendering the corresponding charter; *Provided*, the Grand Master shall first receive petitions for such consolidation, signed by the members of such Lodges, and duly attested by the seals of the Lodges; and if the Lodges consolidating do not decide which name

¹ S. J., 14680, 15078, 15093; III.
Const., Art. IV, Sec. 2.

² S. J., 11100, 11368, 11396.

³ S. J., 9404, 9460.

⁴ S. J., 9770, 9817.

⁵ S. J., 9755, 9809.

⁶ S. J., 11101, 11368, 11396.

and number shall be dropped, the Grand Master shall decide thereon. The Grand Master may in his discretion permit the separation and re-constitution of a Lodge that has been consolidated, such permission being temporary, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. ¹

983. The law authorizing the consolidation of Subordinates by and through the legislation of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments is secondary to the minimum condition for granting charters for Lodges and Encampments. In other words, so long as the number of members desiring to retain the charter of a Lodge or Encampment and work thereunder is equal to that prescribed by law as the minimum number of applicants or petitioners to whom a charter will be given, said charter cannot be taken from them by forcing consolidation with another Lodge or Encampment. The law allowing Grand Bodies to legislate for consolidation is permissive and not compulsory on lawful minorities. ²

984. Where two Lodges become consolidated, one surrendering its charter, the effects and rights of both become the property of the consolidated Lodge, in which the defunct Lodge has no property interests whatever, and over which the Grand Lodge has no affirmative jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge has no power to donate or appropriate such property, or any part of it, to any person or to any Lodge, for any purpose whatsoever. Its only authority with respect to such property is to prevent its devotion to any improper use. ³ Where two Subordinates have voted according to the requirements of the local law, and fully complied with that law, they have nothing more to do than to turn over the books, effects, roll of members, etc., to the consolidated Lodge, and organize under the new name and number. ⁴

985. A charter of a Subordinate Lodge cannot be surrendered by a majority of its members, should there be in the minority a constitutional number of members who may wish to retain and work under it. ⁵

At least five members in good standing are necessary to maintain a Lodge. ⁶

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

SECTION 986.—Failure of Subordinate Lodge to hold meeting for six months forfeits charter.

“ 987.—Forfeiture of charter to Grand Lodge.

“ 988.—Disposition of effects.

¹ Ill. J., Vol. III, 261, 262; *Id.*, Vol. IV, 10, 52; *Id.*, Vol. V, 16, 47.

² S. J., 11484, 11728, 11786.

³ S. J., 13438, 13564.

⁴ S. J., 14687, 15019.

⁵ S. J., 410.

⁶ S. J., 115, 116.

SECTION 989.—Forfeiture of charter to Grand Lodge for failure to enforce penalty.

“ 990.—Forfeiture for holding in improper place.

“ 991.—Lodge suspended or expelled does not exist; resumption of office on reinstatement.

“ 992.—Charges requiring surrender of charter, and proceedings thereon.

“ 993.—Willful violation of the laws required for suspension and expelling.

986. Duty of Grand Lodge on failure of Subordinate.—Should any Subordinate Lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by the Constitution for one year, it shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its charter forfeited. It shall be the duty of Subordinates to make out their returns previous to installation.¹

987. Forfeiture of charter to G. L.—This Subordinate Lodge shall forfeit its charter if it fails to comply with the requisitions and laws of the Grand Lodge; and in such case it shall be the duty of the last installed officer or officers to comply with the provisions of the first and second sections of Article II of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.²

988. Disposition of effects.—In all cases where a Lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its charter shall have been forfeited, the charter, funds, books, properties and effects of all kinds shall revert to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officer or officers of such Lodge to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or the brother deputed by him to receive them, such funds and other effects as the Lodge may have claim to.³

989. Forfeiture of S. L. charter to G. L. for failure to enforce penalty.—Subordinate Lodges shall punish their members who may be guilty of immoral conduct, and after charges have been preferred for immoral conduct, and sustained, they shall award such punishment as is provided therefor in their Constitution and By-Laws, and as the rules and usages of the Order demand; in default of which, the Subordinate neglecting or refusing to award punishment shall be liable to forfeit its charter.⁴

990. Forfeiture of S. L. charter to G. L. for holding meeting in improper place.—No Lodge room of any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be established, and no meetings of any Lodge shall be holden, in a tavern or hotel, under penalty of forfeiture of their charter, without express permission by this Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.⁵

991. When a Lodge is suspended or expelled, its functions cease, not merely as to certain purposes, but all purposes. The

¹ Ill. B.-L., Art. II, Sec. 1.

² See Sec. 372, *supra*. Sub. C., Art. XI, Sec. 3.

³ Ill. B.-L., Art. II, Sec. 2.

See also Sec. 774, *supra*.

⁴ Ill. B.-L., Art. II, Sec. 5.

⁵ Ill. B.-L., Art. II, Sec. 10.

period of its suspension or expulsion is as a blank in its existence, and whatsoever is done in such interval by the persons claiming to be a Lodge is without authority and in contempt of law, and must be regarded not merely as voidable, but utterly void.¹ When a Lodge is reinstated, those persons who were in office at the time of its suspension or expulsion should resume their several offices, without regard to the duration of the time intervening between the date of such suspension or expulsion and the reinstatement.

992. Charges against a Subordinate Lodge which involve the surrender or forfeiture of charter, and proceedings thereon.—In all cases where charges have been preferred against a Subordinate Lodge, which may involve the surrender or revocation of the charter, warrant or dispensation under which such a Lodge exists, it shall become the duty of the Grand Secretary to issue a summons to such Subordinate Lodge, and to the Trustees of such Lodge, commanding them to appear before the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of this Grand Lodge, on a day to be therein named, at the Lodge room of such Lodge, or such other place as shall be directed by the Grand Master in his order for the issuance of such summons; which summons shall be made returnable not less than twenty days, nor more than ninety days from and after the date thereof, and shall be served upon the said Lodge, by delivering to the Noble Grand, Vice Grand or Recording Secretary of such Lodge, a copy of such summons; and the same shall be served upon the Trustees, by delivering to some three or more of them a copy thereof, which service shall be evidenced by their return, endorsed thereon by the officer or brother making such service, which service may be made by the Grand Marshal or any Odd Fellow by him so authorized to do, in writing. Such summons, when so served, shall be returned to the Grand Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, whenever he shall suspend a Lodge, to, within ten days next thereafter, formulate and file with the Grand Secretary charges and specifications against such Lodge, and in such case, and in all other cases where such charges and specifications shall have been preferred by another, the Grand Master shall fix a time and place for the hearing by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, of such charges, and to direct the Grand Secretary to notify the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of such time and place, and that he procure and furnish to the Lodge so charged one copy, and to the Trustees of said Lodge one copy of such charges and specifications. And thereupon, on notice by the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall appoint one competent member of the Order to be a special commissioner, to take the testimony of witnesses and other evidence, all of which, in so far as it may be done, shall be reduced to writing, and all parts of books, papers or other written matters offered in evidence

¹ S. J., 1391, 1494, 1513.

as exhibits, or otherwise, shall be by copy or copies duly examined and attested by the special commissioner; except in cases where the originals shall be so filed, but no testimony of witnesses, or other evidence, shall be so taken, until notice of the time and place of the taking of such evidence shall have been given to the Noble Grand or Secretary and at least three of the Trustees of the Lodge, at least three days prior to such taking; nor until the special commissioner shall have subscribed in duplicate a pledge or obligation in substantially the following form :

I,, Special Commissioner, appointed by the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois, to take the evidence under charges and specifications against Lodges, No. I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois, do pledge my honor as an Odd Fellow that I will discharge the duties of such commissioner, fully, fairly and impartially, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Signed.....

One copy of which shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, as evidence of the acceptance of such appointment, and one copy shall be filed by such commissioner with his report of the evidence by him taken; and such commissioner shall require each witness who is an Odd Fellow to subscribe to a like pledge or obligation to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, touching the matters in controversy, before such witness shall be examined; and if such witness is not an Odd Fellow, shall require him or her to be sworn before some officer by law authorized to administer oaths to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, touching the matters in controversy, and all the competent and proper testimony of such witnesses shall be taken by interrogatories and answers; at which taking of testimony, all parties interested shall have the right to appear and examine or cross-examine such witnesses either in person or by agent or other counsel.

Provided: that no agent or counsel who is not an Odd Fellow shall be permitted to appear for either or any party, and such commissioner, by the consent of the parties appearing before him, or for good cause shown, or of his own motion, may continue from day to day to take such testimony, or may adjourn the taking thereof to a time and place named by him; which shall be by him publicly announced and also entered upon his official report of such testimony. When the commissioner shall have completed the taking of the testimony, he shall so certify upon the same, and shall immediately transmit the whole of such testimony, evidence, and exhibits properly marked and attested, to the Grand Secretary, who shall immediately notify the Grand Master and each member of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, whose duty it shall be to appear at the time and place named for the trial of said cause, when and where they shall proceed to hear and determine said cause.

Provided: that for good cause shown they may postpone such hearing or continue the hearing to a time and place to be determined

by them, and may make and enforce any order not inconsistent with the principles of the Order, nor in violation of any law of this Grand Lodge or the Sovereign Grand Lodge which they may deem proper and consistent with the principles of justice, and in all their proceedings and rulings they, as nearly as may be, shall be governed by the rules and usages of the courts of equity jurisdiction in this State. And when they shall have heard and determined the issues presented by such charges and specifications, they shall publicly (that is, to members of the Order) announce their judgment, and shall reduce their opinion and judgment to writing, subscribe the same, and thereupon transmit the same, together with all the papers, evidence, etc., in their possession, and relating to such cause, to the Grand Secretary, and the finding and judgment so made shall stand and be held to be the judgment of this Grand Lodge.

Provided: that any member of the Order or such Lodge, by any three of its officers or Trustees, shall be permitted to prosecute an appeal to the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master if the Grand Lodge is not in session, by giving notice in writing of such appeal within thirty days next after the filing of such judgment, which notice shall be filed with the Grand Secretary.

Provided: that such judgment shall be read to this Grand Lodge at its next session, and shall be subject to review thereby.

Provided further: that any member of this Lodge so charged may personally, or by agent (being an Odd Fellow), appear before said committee at the time of said trial, and enter his personal plea of not guilty of all such charges and specifications, and said committee at such time and place (after they shall have determined the issues as to said Lodge) as they shall select, shall hear such evidence as such brother or brothers may present, tending to prove his or their innocence of the offense charged, and if said committee shall determine that any such brother is in fact innocent of any such offense, they shall enter final judgment acquitting such brother thereof, and shall make such order as will, in so far as may be under the circumstance, restore the brother or brothers to all rights and privileges in the Order, such as issuing to him from the office of the Grand Secretary a card, as in the case of a defunct Lodge, etc., and it shall become the duty of the Grand Master to carry into effect and enforce such judgment. ¹

993. No Lodge shall be finally suspended, expelled or made liable for any disability until found guilty of willful violation of the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, upon due trial, with opportunity of defense, upon charges filed with the Grand Secretary in accordance with the preceding section. ²

¹ Ill. C., Art. IX.

² C., 197, Sec. 992, *supra*.

CHAPTER VI.

SUBORDINATE LODGES OF ILLINOIS.

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INCORPORATION, POWERS, WORK, FESTIVITIES.

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994. Incorporation, corporate name.—In an action on an account, which was brought in the name of the Lodge, viz.: “Astoria Lodge, No. 112, Independent Order of Odd Fellows vs. Marsh,” which is reported in Vol. 27, Illinois Supreme Court Reports, it was held, at the January Term, 1862, that “the suit should have been brought in the name of ‘The Trustees of Astoria Lodge, No. 112, Independent Order of Odd Fellows,’ because the act of incorporation prescribes that ‘the said Trustees and their successors shall be forever thereafter capable in law to sue and be sued,’ hence the Trustees, not the Lodge, must sue;”¹ but its Constitution prescribes that “this Lodge shall be constituted by at least five members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled.....Lodge; No.....I. O. O. F.”²

995. Powers.—Subordinate Lodges derive their powers from the authority which created them, and are restricted to the exercise of those conferred by their charters, and the laws of the several Grand Lodges under which they exist. They have no legislative power whatever, except to make By-Laws and Rules of Order for their own internal government, which must conform to the laws of the G. L. of this jurisdiction, and to those of the S. G. L.³

996. When a Subordinate Lodge disregards the law of its own Grand Lodge, or a provision of its own Constitution, and yet acts in accordance with the laws of the S. G. L., it is not subject to punishment by the State Grand Body; but a Subordinate would violate a law of its Grand Body at its peril, and, of course, the State Grand Body would be the proper tribunal to first judge of such violation; but if such Subordinate had acted in accordance with the laws of the S. G. L., the latter would, on appeal being properly taken, protect such Subordinate.⁴

997. A Subordinate Lodge has the right to require proficiency in the unwritten work of the last degree taken as a condition precedent to a candidate advancing to the next higher degree.⁵

¹ 27 Ill. Reports, 421.

² Sub. Const., Art. I, Sec. 1. See Secs. 773, 774, Ill. C., *supra*.

³ U. S. Digest, 1847, p. 47; S. J., 1235, 3415, 3463.

⁴ S. J., 3109, 3124.

⁵ S. J., 9751, 9804.

998. Power to lease Lodge property.—A Subordinate may lease property owned by it for any legitimate purpose. Where a Lodge owns a three-story building, and the third story only is used for Lodge purposes, the other two stories can be rented and used for any legitimate business without a violation of the law, excluding all spirituous, vinous and malt liquors from the Lodge rooms and ante-rooms, or halls connected with or adjoining thereto. ¹

999. Subordinates must obey laws of S. G. L.—It is the duty of a Subordinate Lodge and its officers to obey and enforce the laws of the S. G. L., anything in the Constitution of Grand or Subordinate to the contrary notwithstanding. ²

1000. Lodge may protest.—If a Lodge, on being instructed by the Grand Master to cease violating the law, complies, there is no law which forbids its doing so, under protest. ³

1001. Subordinate Lodges may not hold conventions.—Assemblages of Subordinate Lodges in convention, for the purpose of legislating or affecting legislation concerning the affairs of the Order, or of Grand Bodies, without the consent of their Grand Bodies, are contrary to the interests and principles of the Order, and State Grand Bodies are directed to prohibit such meetings. ⁴

1002. Illegal use of Lodge funds.—A Subordinate cannot by By-Law pay out of the general funds of the Lodge assessments upon a certificate of membership in an Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association which a brother holds, wherein he has constituted the Lodge his beneficiary. ⁵

1003. A Lodge is responsible for the mistakes of its officers, and an individual brother should not be allowed to suffer therefor; but if the correction of an error of its officers will work a wrong, a Lodge may not take advantage of its own mistakes; and if the act of the officers be in its nature illegal (as the issue of a card without vote of the Lodge) the Lodge cannot legalize it; it remains void. ⁶

1004. May assess for dues, but not for furnishings.—A Subordinate Lodge may not assess its members a specific sum for necessary expenses in fitting up a hall and procuring necessary fixtures. It is authorized to adopt certain rates of regular dues necessary for providing funds with which to pay its legitimate expenses. It may not demand more from its members, unless authorized by special local legislation. ⁷

¹ Ill. J., VIII, Sec. 109; S. J., 8839, 9025, 9101.

² S. J., 10254, 10487, 10511.

³ S. J., 11100, 11368, 11369.

⁴ S. J., 1786, 1807.

⁵ S. J., 10988, 11027.

⁶ C., 202.

⁷ S. J., 5835, 5860.

1005. May not participate in political action.—A Lodge, or members of a Lodge, as such, may not hoist a political banner or flag upon their Lodge room, or make or partake in any political demonstrations whatever. And the Lodge has no right to declare any man a proper or improper person for any public office. ¹

1006. Lodges must work in the language assigned.—When in any town there are Lodges working in different languages, no Lodge shall work in any language other than that assigned to it when it was instituted; but a Lodge working regularly in one language may use rituals in another tongue, when this latter is not the language of some other Lodge in the same town. ²

1007. Advice or counsel should not be asked by a Subordinate Lodge from any other source than its own Grand Lodge. ³

1008. Lotteries and kindred schemes forbidden.—No Lodge or Encampment, or any of the members thereof, shall, in the name of the Order, resort to any scheme of raffles, lotteries, gift enterprises, or schemes of hazard or chance of any kind, as a means of raising funds for any purpose of relief or assistance to such Subordinates or individual members. ⁴

1009. Applications for aid.—Nor shall any Lodge or Encampment entertain any application for pecuniary aid or assistance, under whatsoever scheme it may be presented, unless the same be authorized by the Grand Body or its principal Grand Officers, of the jurisdiction in which such aid is solicited, and in accordance with the form prescribed for such purpose by the S. G. L. The Grand Sire has no power to authorize Subordinates under the jurisdiction of State Grand Bodies to apply to sister Lodges outside the jurisdiction for pecuniary aid for building Odd Fellows' halls. ⁵

1009 a. Conditions under which aid may be solicited by Subordinates of S. G. L.—The Grand Sire cannot authorize a Lodge under the sole jurisdiction of the S. G. L. to apply for aid and relief to Lodges working under a State jurisdiction, without first having obtained the consent of the Grand Master of such jurisdiction to make such application. ⁶

1010. Unauthorized applications for aid need not be considered.—The existing law provides that "No Lodge may entertain any application for pecuniary aid or assistance under whatever scheme it may be presented unless the same be authorized." This language is broad enough to cover the sale of tickets as a scheme to raise funds. No officer or member should sell any tickets sent to

¹ C., 217.

² C., 218.

³ U. S. Digest of 1847, p. 47.

⁴ S. J., 3953, 3988.

⁵ S. J., 4467, 4598, 4614.

⁶ S. J., 9022, 9100.

him from any other Lodge for such purpose;¹ nor is it legal to allow a call for aid from the Lodges to assist those who are suffering from a foreign war, and who are not members of the Order.²

1011. The Grand Lodge discourages appeals for pecuniary assistance from brothers or Lodges in case of loss or damage by fire. A Lodge may not ask aid for its individual members, nor send its own members or the widows of its deceased members to other places to ask aid of the Order.³

1012. Circulars may not be issued without consent.—No circular may be issued or distributed by any Lodge of this jurisdiction without the written consent of the Grand Master.⁴

1013. In all cases where a Lodge desires to have a ball, festival or other entertainment in the name of the Order, and makes due application to the Grand Master for a dispensation, such Lodge, in addition to the pledges now prescribed by law,⁵ shall satisfy the Grand Master in such application, that the Lodge so applying for a dispensation has been fully indemnified against any and all loss or liability by or through such ball, festival or other entertainment. The Grand Master may require such form of indemnity as in his opinion will protect the Lodge from loss.⁶

1014. All spirituous, vinous and malt liquors shall be excluded from the Lodge rooms and ante-rooms or halls connected with or adjoining thereto, under the control of any Subordinate or Degree Lodge or Encampment of this Order. Every provision in conflict with this law, as well as all regulations respecting the use of edibles in Lodge and Encampment rooms heretofore passed, are repealed. Session of 1874.⁷

1015. Lodge may not present burlesque.—It is not permissible for a Lodge to present in public or in private, a burlesque of any of the ceremonies of the Order; or to give in public any dramatic representation claiming to be in any way connected with our ritual.⁸

1016. Subordinates recommended not to entertain Grand Lodge.—The Grand Lodge recommends to the Subordinates, in places where its Annual Sessions are held, that they do not give any public festival or entertainment to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge will not accept any invitation for a public parade during its sessions.⁹

1017. No festival may be held in connection with the regular meeting of a Lodge.¹⁰

¹ Ill. J., VII, 275, 297.

² S. J., 14686, 15019.

³ C., 209.

⁴ C., 188.

⁵ Sec. 1018, *infra*.

⁶ C., 215.

⁷ S. J., 6198, 6222.

⁸ S. J., 13783, 14036, 14070.

⁹ C., 216.

¹⁰ C., 211.

1018. No Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall hold any anniversary or other celebration, ball or party, where the regalia of the Order may be worn, or the name of the Order assumed, without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction first obtained in writing, such permission to be predicated only upon the direct promise through the officers of the Subordinate seeking the permission, that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be offered by them to the members or guests present on the occasion. State Grand Bodies must enforce this law. ¹

1019. If a Lodge violates the law of the preceding section, the Grand Master must suspend it at once, and prefer charges and specifications as directed. ²

REMITTANCE, CAPITATION TAX, WORK, MOTION TO
RECONSIDER.

SECTION 1020.—Money to be forwarded in drafts, etc.

“ 1021.—Capitation tax.

“ 1022.—What degrees, work to be done in.

“ 1023.—Motions reconsidered but once.

1020. Lodges are required to forward all money sent to the Grand Secretary, as far as practicable, in the form of drafts, post-office money orders, or certificates of deposit, payable to the order of the Grand Secretary by his name; and in case uncurrent funds are sent, that officer is authorized to return them, or to charge the discount to the Lodge. In no case can a Lodge be credited for money lost in transmission to the Grand Secretary. ³

1021. New Lodges must pay full capitation tax.—Where the Constitution of a Grand Body provides that its revenue is derived from the sale of supplies and a capitation tax levied upon the membership of the Subordinates, and that the Finance Committee shall report at the Annual Session an estimate of the expenses of the Grand Body for the current fiscal year, for salaries, etc., and the Grand Body, at its Annual Session, levies a tax in accordance therewith, one-half to accompany each semi-annual report, a Lodge, although instituted during the preceding term and but sixteen or seventeen weeks prior to such Annual Session, is bound to pay the full capitation tax so levied. ⁴

1022. All the work of Subordinate Lodges must be transacted in the Third Degree after July 1st, 1882, except the conferring

¹ S. J., 3709.

² C., 213; Sec. 992, *supra*.

³ C., 220.

⁴ S. J., 11101, 11368, 11396; Ill. J., Vol. IX, 999.

of the Initiatory, the First and Second Degree and except the trial of a member who has not received the Third Degree. ¹

1023. One reconsideration only.—By parliamentary law, no motion can be reconsidered but once. If the motion is made, and indefinitely postponed, and the rules of the Lodge provide that indefinite postponement cannot be reconsidered, that ends the power of the Body to reconsider. ²

MEETINGS, MINUTES, LODGE ROOM, LOCATION, ETC.

- SECTION 1024.—When meeting not illegal.
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 - " 1026.—Quorum necessary.
 - " 1027.—Weekly meetings.
 - " 1028.—Special meetings.
 - " 1029.—Meetings to be held within jurisdiction of State Grand Bodies.
 - " 1030.—Meetings may open and close with prayer.
 - " 1031.—Forms of prayer.
 - " 1032.—Meetings informally called.
 - " 1033.—Dispensation for omission of meeting illegal.
 - " 1034.—Quorum necessary to transact business.
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 - " 1036.—Entering and retiring of members.
 - " 1037.—Entering during the reading of minutes.
 - " 1038.—Legal holidays.
 - " 1039.—Adjournments sine die.
 - " 1040.—Meetings must be held on specified week day.
 - " 1041.—Miscellaneous powers and limitation.
 - " 1042.—Minutes.
 - " 1043.—Meetings not held in taverns without permission.
 - " 1044.—Location.
 - " 1045.—Removal from location.
 - " 1046.—Meeting in regular Lodge room.

1024. When meeting not illegal.—On a regular night of meeting, when in the absence of the two principal officers, a Lodge had been opened for business with a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair, and a Scarlet member in the Vice Grand's chair, the proceedings of said meeting cannot be pronounced illegal on the ground that there was present no Past Grand to occupy the chair if the acting Noble Grand had been required temporarily to vacate it, because if the chair had been thus temporarily vacated, it would have been the duty of the right supporter to occupy it. ³

1025. Brother may be present, though not permitted to participate.—The fact that a member is present during a meeting of the Lodge is not *prima facie* evidence of his right to participate in the proceedings of the meeting, because the qualifications required to entitle a brother to be present at a meeting are not identical with

¹ S. J., 8838, 9025, 9101.

² S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 1840, 1896, 1952.

the qualifications required to entitle a brother to participate in the proceedings of a meeting. ¹

1026. Lodge must have quorum to transact business.—

When a Lodge during its meeting is left without a quorum, it can do no further business, and the Noble Grand should declare it closed without ceremony. ²

1027. Five members constitute quorum.—

This (Subordinate) Lodge shall hold regular weekly meetings except when specially otherwise allowed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Five members, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum. ³

1028. Special meetings shall be called by the Noble Grand on

the written request of five members, or by order of the Lodge at any regular meeting. A special meeting shall not transact any business other than that specified in the call. ⁴ Vice Grand may call if Noble Grand be absent. ⁵

1029. A Subordinate cannot hold its meetings outside the lim-

its of the jurisdiction of its State Grand Body. ⁶

1030. Prayer.—

All Subordinate Lodges may at all times open and close their meetings with prayer. ⁷ Prayer is not part of the work at initiations in a Subordinate Lodge and therefore not admissible. ⁸ It is highly desirable and eminently proper that all Lodges should open and close with prayer, but it is not competent for a Lodge to require the performance of this ceremony under the exaction of penalties. ⁹

1031. Forms of prayer.—

Our Order only requires a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being as a qualification for membership, and has no affinity with any religious sect or system of faith; hence, everything savoring of sectarianism is not to be tolerated. The words "systems of faith or sect" do not have reference merely to sects within the pale of Christianity, but have a far broader significance, and include all the religions of the world. In this sense Christianity is a sect; hence, it is inexpedient, unwise and unlawful to make prominent reference to it in Lodge work. There is no law requiring Lodges to be opened or closed with prayer; but the S. G. L. in 1882 (Journal 9147) adopted forms of prayer to be used in opening and closing, but left the use of them optional with Subordinate Grand Lodges.

OPENING PRAYER.

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we invoke Thy blessing upon the members of this Lodge and our entire Brotherhood. May we be ever faithful to the principles of our beloved Order, so that benevolence and charity

¹ S. J., 14573, 14608.

² S. J., 14036, 13782, 14070.

³ Sub. C. Art. I, Sec. 2.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. I, Sec. 3; see also Art. III, Sec. 3, Sub C.

⁵ S. J., 9160.

⁶ S. J., 8072, 8173.

⁷ Sov. B.-L., Art. XXI.

⁸ S. J., 8209, 8337, 8440.

⁹ S. J., 2491, 2508.

may be promoted. Bless the widow and orphan, and all in affliction or distress, and relieve their necessities. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Almighty Father, we pray Thee to bless whatever of good we have accomplished at this time, and forgive what we have done amiss. We now commend ourselves to Thy care and protection. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord lift up His fatherly countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and ever-more. Amen. ¹

These forms were adopted to avoid the danger of offending brethren of different sects or systems of faith by one of an opposite faith, in extemporaneous prayer. If Lodges follow these forms there will be no danger of offending, for although taken from the Christian Bible and including the Lord's Prayer, they exactly accord with the fundamental doctrines referred to. ²

1032. Lodge called informally has no power.—A Subordinate cannot legally transact any business when the meeting has been called informally and not in accordance with its By-Laws. ³

1033. Dispensation to omit Lodge meetings is illegal.—A dispensation by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to dispense with the regular meetings of a Lodge is illegal and cannot be exercised. ⁴

1034. Quorum necessary to transact business.—A withdrawal card cannot be issued legally by a Lodge unless there is a quorum of qualified members present. ⁵

1035. No one allowed in Lodge room without regalia.—No brother is entitled to enter or leave the Lodge room unless clothed in regalia. If an officer and his regalia be in his chair in the Lodge room, he must enter in the regalia of his rank and there exchange it for his official regalia. ⁶

1036. No member may enter or retire from the Lodge room during an initiation or between the parts of the several degrees, ⁷ but when the Lodge is closed in one degree and before it is opened in another, members may retire. The Third Degree Lodge opened at the beginning is not closed in any sense, except to confer degrees, until formally closed at the end of the session; but when open to confer any lower degree, any member who has received such degree is entitled to be admitted. ⁸

¹ S. J., 9084, 9147; Ill. J., VIII, 648.

² S. J., 11105, 11369, 11396.

³ S. J., 9283, 9348.

⁴ S. J., 2781, 2818.

⁵ S. J., 8108, 8178.

⁶ S. J., 2699, 2764, 2810.

⁷ S. J., 9736, 9802.

⁸ S. J., 9784, 9801.

1037. A brother in good standing cannot be kept out of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge while the minutes of the preceding meeting are being read, if he desires to enter and can work his way into the Lodge.¹

1038. Meetings which would occur on legal holidays may be omitted. Whereas the observance of the National Anniversary, Thanksgiving and other legally established or generally recognized holidays has become generally acceptable to the people of this country, who very generally avail themselves of the privileges afforded by such occasions to abstain from all secular labor, therefore, it is resolved by the S. G. L., that hereafter it shall be lawful for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, whenever their regular stated meetings fall upon such occasions, to omit such sessions.²

1039. A motion to adjourn sine die is always in order, and when adopted by a Subordinate the Lodge must close in due form. The order of business contained in the printed work of Subordinates is to be considered in the light of a recommendation merely; it is no part of the work of the Order, properly so called. What the character of the business transacted is to be, the laws of this body prescribe; but the mode of taking up and going through the business is left to the regulation of the Subordinates themselves. If they can conveniently adhere to the form in the charge book, it is only proper they should do so; if they cannot, they may regulate the order of business to suit their particular necessities.³

1040. Meetings must be on week days.—Meetings of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments must be held on a week day and on regular specified days in the week.⁴

1041. Powers. Limitations.—A Subordinate cannot change its night of meeting without changing its By-Laws; nor can it legally call a special meeting for the purpose of receiving propositions for membership and appointing committee of character thereon. It may move itself into a committee of the whole, if there is nothing prohibitory in its Constitution and By-Laws. On the occasion of a public installation, it is not permissible to use the gavel as it is used in a regular Lodge meeting in raising and seating the Lodge. A Subordinate may not donate its funds to another charitable organization.⁵

1042. Errors in minutes may be corrected at any time.—After the time for correcting and approving the minutes of a Lodge has gone by, and a mistake or error is discovered, it can be corrected.⁶

¹ S. J., 6350, 6619, 6692.

² S. J., 10473.

³ S. J., 1236, 5177, 5221.

⁴ S. J., 11744, 11790.

⁵ S. J., 12353, 12632, 12701.

⁶ S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570.

1043. Meetings may not be held in taverns without permission.—No Subordinate Lodge room shall be established, and no meetings of any Lodge shall be holden, in a tavern or hotel without permission. ¹

1044. Lodge location may not be changed without authority. Movable Lodges not allowed.—The location of a Lodge is designated in its charter, and cannot be changed except by authority of the Grand Lodge. A State Grand Lodge cannot compel its Subordinates to meet in any particular room against the consent of such Subordinate Lodge. The State Grand Lodge has authority, however, to prohibit meetings from being held at places that may not be deemed sufficiently private and secure from intrusion. ² Movable Lodges or Encampments, whether Grand or Subordinate, as well as movable Lodges in the army, are not permitted. ³

1045. Grand Master may compel removal if place of meeting is unsuitable.—If the meetings of a Lodge are held in a place which is for any reason unsuitable, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, upon knowledge of the facts, to require the Lodge to remove to a suitable room. ⁴

1046. Meeting must be in regular Lodge room.—No meeting of a Lodge may be held in any other place than the regular Lodge room, except for public installation, and then only by vote of the Lodge. ⁵

IN REGALIA IN PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

SECTION 1047.—To appear in regalia in processions, at funerals, etc.

“ 1048.—Permission to join in public processions.

1047. No Subordinate Lodge shall appear in processions in regalia, except to attend the funeral of a brother, or to celebrate the anniversary day of the Order, April 26th, without first having obtained permission so to do in the manner prescribed by law. ⁶ The Anniversary Proclamation of the Grand Sire gives no authority to wear the regalia or display any of the emblems of the Order where a dance or banquet or other social is held in connection with the anniversary. ⁷ The law of 1864⁸ does not embrace attendance at church or other public place in regalia, merely to listen to a sermon or lecture, and return directly to the Lodge room. ⁹

1048. Permission to join in public processions may be obtained.—It is not intended to prevent Lodges and Encampments

¹ Ill. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 10.

² S. J., 782, 812.

³ U. S. Digest of 1847, p. 48; S. J., 782, 812, 659, 2137, 2177.

⁴ C., 191.

⁵ C., 192.

⁶ Ill. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 7.

⁷ S. J., 14683, 15019.

⁸ S. J., 3709, Sec. 1018, *supra*.

⁹ S. J., 14685, 15088.

from joining in a public procession in regalia in connection with other organizations, when invited to do so by the civil authorities. Permission for the purpose may be obtained from the respective jurisdictions under such regulations as they may prescribe.¹

THE SEAL, TERMS, REPORTS, VOTING.

SECTION 1049.—Seal.

- " 1050.—Communications, to be attested by the seal.
- " 1051.—Attestation.
- " 1052.—Semi-annual terms; terms of officers.
- " 1053.—Terms of new and resuscitated Lodges.
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- " 1056.—By U. S. of an O. F. if not otherwise provided.
- " 1057.—Rising vote on resolutions.
- " 1058.—Member can vote only in his own Lodge.
- " 1059.—Members in the ante-room cannot be compelled to vote.
- " 1060.—Obligation to vote unless excused.
- " 1061.—Member personally interested in fiscal question cannot vote.

1049. Every Subordinate Lodge is required to have a suitable seal, a proof impression of which must be deposited with the Grand Secretary; and all its official communications are to be sealed therewith.²

1049 a. Seal must be impressed on documents. Must not be used with other than Lodge business.—The seal of a Lodge or Encampment to be authentic must be printed or impressed upon the paper or instrument it authenticates, and not affixed thereto.³ The seal should only be used in transacting the legitimate business of the Lodge.⁴

1050. Communications between Lodges must be attested by seal. Manner of addressing Lodge.—Communications from one Lodge to another or to any person ought to be attested by its seal, and a Lodge would be justified in refusing attention to any document from another Lodge not so attested.

The custom is to address a Lodge as follows: "To the N. G., officers and members ofLodge, No....." but there is no law which requires the use of this form.⁵

1051. The Recording Secretary, and he alone, can officially attest anything for and in behalf of the Lodge.⁶

1052. Semi-annual terms of Subordinate Lodges shall commence on the first regular meetings in April and October; the

¹ S. J., 3739, 3821, 3843.

² Ill. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 6. See Sec. 274, *supra*.

³ S. J., 2810.

⁴ S. J., 6752, 6976, 7051.

⁵ S. J., 9857, 10105, 10176.

⁶ S. J., 9856, 10105, 10176.

annual term on the first regular meeting in April.¹ The terms of officers and for regular meetings of Subordinate Lodges are by law, conditional as follows: Six months, with regular meetings weekly; or (by authority from the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction) one year, with regular meetings either bi-weekly or semi-monthly. No terms other than six months or one year are allowed, and no power subordinate to the S. G. L. can change the terms of the officers.²

1053. Terms of new and of resuscitated Lodges.—Whenever a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment is instituted or resuscitated during the first half of a regular term, so that a majority of the meeting nights of such term shall remain at the time of such institution or resuscitation, such period shall constitute a short term, which shall end on the first meeting night of the succeeding regular term; but when a Subordinate shall be instituted or resuscitated during the last half of a regular term, so that a majority of the meeting nights of the term shall not remain at the time of such institution or resuscitation, the term is extended to the end of the succeeding regular term. Such terms are called special terms.³

1054. Term reports.—It shall be the duty of the retiring officers at the close of each semi-annual term, to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a full report of the work of the term, upon the blank forms furnished from the office of the Grand Secretary, and in conformity with the instructions of that officer, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge; and at the close of each annual term, in like manner, the Annual Report of Membership.⁴

1055. Subordinate Lodges shall make such annual, semi-annual and other reports as may from time to time be required by law, blank forms for which shall be furnished from the office of the Grand Secretary.⁵ It shall be the duty of Subordinates to make out their returns previous to installation.⁶

1055 a. Term reports must contain signatures of elective officers.—All term reports which may hereafter be made to Grand Bodies by their Subordinates shall contain, in their own handwriting, the signatures of the elective officers thereof, and shall be carefully preserved by the Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries.⁷

1056. All voting in a Subordinate Lodge is by the U. S. of an O. F. unless otherwise provided. The exception is "not alone to a ballot for membership," as the decision of the Grand Sire (1869) would seem to indicate, but to advancing to degrees, granting with-

¹ Sub. C., Art. XI, Sec. 1.

² S. J., 11900, 12217, 12281.

³ S. J., 11743, 11790.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. XI, Sec. 2.

⁵ Ill. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 3.

⁶ Ill. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 1.

⁷ S. J., 3478, 3479.

drawal cards, suspending or expelling members and re-instating them, electing officers, reconsidering a ballot for membership, when the yeas and nays are ordered, etc., in which cases provision is made by law for voting otherwise. ¹

1057. Rising vote.—On resolutions relative to the death of a brother in a Subordinate Lodge, a rising vote may be taken without giving the voting sign. ²

1058. Member may not vote in another Lodge.—No Past Grand or member can legally vote in any other than his own Lodge. ³

1059. Members in the ante-room cannot be compelled to vote, nor can they vote from the ante-room. ⁴

1060. Every qualified brother present in a Lodge is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge, or unless he is personally interested in some fiscal matter of the Lodge upon which vote is being taken. No particular number of votes is necessary so long as there is a quorum present. A Noble Grand has no right to refuse to put any legitimate question to his Lodge; his differing with the Lodge has nothing to do with the matter. ⁵

1061. Member personally interested in fiscal question shall not vote.—No member of a Lodge or Encampment shall vote upon any question relating to the fiscal affairs of his Lodge or Encampment, in the result of which he has a direct personal interest; but may vote upon all questions concerning the leasing or renting of the hall, or other property of his Lodge or Encampment, to any Lodge, Encampment, Rebekah Lodge or Canton of this Order. ⁶

OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES, RESPECTIVELY.

SECTION 1062.—Elective officers; appointed officers.

“ 1063.—Election of officers.

“ 1064.—Chaplain.

“ 1065.—Physician.

“ 1066.—Degree Master and Physician.

“ 1067.—Room Warden, or Steward.

“ 1068.—Past Grand not an office.

“ 1069.—Noble Grand re-installed.

“ 1070.—Lodge may refuse to accept resignation; may not postpone regular election; balloting; eligibility to office; appointment of Steward as Outside Guardian.

“ 1071.—Nominations for elective officers, when made.

“ 1072.—Re-election and installation when officer is his own successor.

¹ S. J., 4993, 5185, 5222.

² S. J., 8533, 8701, 8767.

³ S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570.

⁴ S. J., 14250, 14487, 14570.

⁵ S. J., 4992, 5114, 5194, 5245.

⁶ S. J., 10094, 10174.

SECTION 1073.—A brother may decline nomination; absent brother may be nominated.

- “ 1074.—Elective officers chosen in March and September; installed in April and October; public installation, at any other time not prior.
- “ 1075.—Election held at improper time, to re-elect at next regular meeting.
- “ 1076.—Election by ballot or acclamation; majority necessary to elect. Vote for persons not properly nominated are blanks; when there is no choice, candidate having smallest vote to be dropped.
- “ 1077.—Vacancies declared and filled.
- “ 1078.—Who eligible to chair of N. G.
- “ 1079.—Announcement of names before balloting; if a tie vote, nominations to be called for and ballot ordered.
- “ 1080.—Voting by sign on motion for acclamation.
- “ 1081.—No restriction upon re-election or re-appointment.
- “ 1082.—Officers must have Scarlet Degree before being installed.
- “ 1083.—Officer eligible to higher office. Member cannot be installed while indebted to Lodge.
- “ 1084.—Election void for ineligibility of candidate.
- “ 1085.—Constitutional right of presiding officer to fill subordinate station pro tem.
- “ 1086.—Officer failing to appear for installation, new officer to be elected.
- “ 1087.—Officer refusing installation, new officer to be elected.
- “ 1088.—Officer to be removed in accordance with laws of Grand Lodge, only.
- “ 1089.—Office not forfeited by non-attendance of installed officers.
- “ 1090.—Offices forfeited by suspension and punishment.
- “ 1091.—Forfeiture declared after third night.
- “ 1092.—Voluntary withdrawing forfeits honors of office, and successor becomes entitled thereto.
- “ 1093.—Elective officers need not have Rebekah Degree.
- “ 1094.—Scarlet members eligible to any office except N. G. and V. G.
- “ 1095.—Failure of N. G. to be installed or to serve does not entitle V. G. to the office.
- “ 1096.—Honors of office forfeited by absence, when.
- “ 1097.—Duties of officers.
- “ 1098.—Officers to obey usages of order.
- “ 1099.—Representatives, position the same after election.
- “ 1100.—Officer may not act by proxy or provide substitute.
- “ 1101.—Work, printed parts of, not permitted.
- “ 1102.—Officers, right to debate and vote.
- “ 1103.—Officers not exempt from dues; Secretary exempt. Outside Guardian and Warden paid for service.
- “ 1104.—Officer paid in proportion for time served.
- “ 1105.—Relative may hold office.
- “ 1106.—Election during suspension of Lodge illegal.
- “ 1107.—Noble Grand-elect absent from installation, qualified member to be elected and installed.
- “ 1108.—Member elected is Noble Grand. Officers hold until successors are installed.
- “ 1109.—Vice Grand eligible to chair of Noble Grand in his absence.
- “ 1110.—Duties of Noble Grand.
- “ 1111.—Eligibility to office of Noble Grand requires service as Vice Grand and inferior officer, services as V. G. necessary.
- “ 1112.—Dispensation to fill office of N. G. or V. G.
- “ 1113.—Past Vice Grand is eligible to office of Noble Grand of any Lodge he may join.

SECTION 1114.—Officers appointed by N. G. except Supporters of V. G.

- “ 1115.—Holdover of new Lodge.
- “ 1116.—Eligibility of V. G. to office of N. G.
- “ 1117.—V. G. and N. G. elect, must know secret work.
- “ 1118.—Result of overstaying, leave of absence, vacancy declared.
- “ 1119.—N. G. only to draw on Treasurer.
- “ 1120.—N. G. to call special meetings.
- “ 1121.—Lodge not to dictate words.
- “ 1122.—N. G. may deliver P. G.'s charge, but not V. G.
- “ 1123.—Officers not obliged to surrender chairs to a team.
- “ 1124.—No person can officiate as N. G. or V. G., etc.
- “ 1125.—N. G. to make excuse to Lodge.
- “ 1126.—N. G. must submit questions.
- “ 1127.—N. G. and Secretary may debate.
- “ 1128.—Laws, rituals and books.
- “ 1129.—Honors of P. G. to brother, granted leave of absence.
- “ 1130.—V. G. when presiding may appoint Subordinate officers.
- “ 1131.—V. G. to take place of N. G. in his absence at any meeting.
- “ 1132.—V. G. to assist N. G., other duties.
- “ 1133.—V. G. can confer degrees when acting as N. G.
- “ 1134.—Eligibility for office of V. G. requires one full term of service.
- “ 1135.—Eligibility for office of V. G. does not require service as Secretary.
- “ 1136.—Permanent Secretary for six months eligible to office of V. G.
- “ 1137.—N. G. is executive officer; V. G. is executive officer in absence of N. G.; Recording Secretary is a ministerial officer.
- “ 1138.—Duties of V. G. in absence of N. G.
- “ 1139.—“Temporary absence” means absence of N. G. from chair.
- “ 1140.—P. G.'s charge cannot be delivered by V. G.
- “ 1141.—V. G. confers Initiatory Degree in N. G.'s absence.
- “ 1142.—V. G. and V. G.'s chair, how filled, when all P. G.'s absent.
- “ 1143.—V. G. cannot open another Lodge.
- “ 1144.—P. G. present, Third Degree member cannot act as V. G.
- “ 1145.—Duties of Secretary.
- “ 1146.—Duties of Secretary pro tem.
- “ 1147.—Officers no power to use seal.
- “ 1148.—Secretary to assist Visiting Committee.
- “ 1149.—Officers to execute certificates of death.
- “ 1150.—Secretary to issue membership certificate.
- “ 1151.—Duties of Permanent Secretary.
- “ 1152.—Form of bond of Permanent Secretary.
- “ 1153.—Duties of Treasurer.
- “ 1154.—Form of bond of Treasurer.
- “ 1155.—Recording Secretary cannot be Treasurer at same time.
- “ 1156.—Secretary not to pay money to illegal Treasurer.
- “ 1157.—Permanent Secretary to enter omitted payment.
- “ 1158.—Outside Guardian to require strict observance of regulations.
- “ 1159.—Bond of Permanent Secretary.
- “ 1160.—Recording's Secretary's bond, form of.
- “ 1161.—Treasurer to give receipt.
- “ 1162.—By-Law cannot fix amount of bond. Trustees are not to be named individually in bond.
- “ 1163.—Treasurer not to pay fraudulent or erroneous orders.
- “ 1164.—Treasurer is custodian of funds.
- “ 1165.—Junior P. G. to act in capacity of P. G. Past Grand may act as N. G. or P. G.
- “ 1166.—P. G. can vote for Grand Officers only at G. L. sessions.
- “ 1167.—P. G. to wear P. G.'s collar.
- “ 1168.—Duties of other officers.

1062. The elective officers of the Lodge are a Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and when deemed necessary, a Permanent Secretary. The appointed officers are a Warden, a Conductor, an Outside Guardian, an Inside Guardian, a Right and Left Supporter to the Noble Grand, a Right and Left Supporter to the Vice Grand, a Right and Left Scene Supporter, and at the option of the Lodge, a Chaplain. ¹

1063. Election of officers, balloting.—It is proper to provide by By-Law that at the election of officers the Warden shall distribute and collect the ballots. It is not necessary that the ballot box shall be in the center of the hall. ²

1064. Lodge may appoint a Chaplain, and he would be called an officer, because he holds an office. The performance of his duties may not be required by the infliction of penalties. ³ The law of 1894, making the Chaplain a qualifying office for V. G., is not retroactive, and applies only to those who shall serve in that office after its passage ⁴

1065. A Lodge may not employ a physician to attend members in good standing and pay a certain sum per member, per year, out of the general fund unless authorized by local law. ⁵

1066. Degree Master and Physician.—A Lodge may not appoint a Degree Master or Physician to the Lodge as an officer or an Outside Guardian, who is not a member of the Lodge. ⁶

1067. A Room Warden or Steward may be appointed by the Lodge or under its order; but he is not an officer and not finable as such. ⁷

1068. There is no such office as that of Past Grand.—The rank of Past Grand is only attained after service for a regular term in the office of N. G. ⁸ The Junior Past Grand is not an officer, but can be elected or appointed to an office in his Lodge during the time he occupies the P. G.'s chair, or he may be elected representative to the G. L. ⁹

1069. Who acts as Past Grand.—When a Noble Grand is re-elected and re-installed in that office, the Junior Past Grand of the last term is the proper one to officiate as sitting Past Grand. ¹⁰

¹ Sub. C., Art. III, Secs. 1 and 2.
See Secs. 300, 301, *supra*.

² S. J., 9736, 9802.

³ S. J., 7372, 7472, 14169.

⁴ S. J., 14687, 15019.

⁵ S. J., 15003, 15071, 15087.

⁶ S. J., 7820, 7867.

⁷ C., 225.

⁸ S. J., 2132, 2174.

⁹ S. J., 7372, 7472, 12570, 12649.

¹⁰ C., Sec. 228.

1070. (1) Although a Subordinate Lodge may refuse to accept the resignation of an installed officer, yet it may not compel a member to accept an office, (2) postpone a regular election, nor hold it at a special meeting, (3) nor require candidates to retire during an election ballot, as they would thereby be deprived of their right to vote and to withdraw from the canvass at discretion, (4) nor decide an election by lot, (5) nor make rules on eligibility to office, (6) nor require the N. G. to appoint the Steward whom the Lodge may have chosen as Outside Guardian. ¹

1071. Nominations for the elective officers may be made at the regular meeting next preceding the night of the election, and also on the night of election, immediately previous to the election respectively therefor. ²

1072. Re-election and re-installation should be had, though an officer is to hold his office another term as his own successor. ³

1073. Although a brother may decline a nomination, yet to do so he must address the Chair, and when recognized by the Chair, state that he declines. If he does not so decline, votes cast for him must be counted as cast for a nominee. So, too, a brother may be properly in nomination even if he be absent. ⁴

1074. The elective officers, except the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary, are to be chosen at the first regular meetings in March and September, and hold their respective offices for six months and until their successors have been installed. They must be installed at the first meetings in April and October. The Treasurer and the Permanent Secretary, if there be one, are to be elected in March and installed at the first meeting in April, both to serve for one year. But if a public installation of officers be had, it may be at any other time than that specified above, not prior, however, to the first meetings respectively in April and October. ⁵

1075. When election not held at proper time.—When by inadvertence, accident, or want of quorum, an election is not held at the proper time, then at the next regular meeting the Lodge should proceed to the election under the proper order of business. ⁶

1076. Elections, how held.—The election of officers is always by ballot, except where there is but one candidate for an office, then the election may be by acclamation. A majority of all votes cast is necessary to a choice. Ballots for persons not properly in nomina-

¹ C., Sec. 229.

² Sub. C., Art. V, Sec. 3. See Sec. 315, *supra*.

³ C., Sec. 231.

⁴ C., Sec. 232.

⁵ Sub. C., Art. V, Sec. 4. Sec. 316, *supra*.

⁶ C., Sec. 233.

tion are considered blanks; but blanks are counted as votes. When there are several candidates, and there is no choice, at each successive balloting the name of the candidate having the smallest number of votes in the preceding ballot is dropped from the nomination. ¹

1077. Vacancies declared and filled.—If any officer shall be absent for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, his office may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, if he is an elective officer, otherwise by the officer who appointed him. All vacancies to be filled in the manner of the former selection, to serve the residue of the term and be entitled to the full honors of the office. ²

1078. A brother is not eligible to the chair of the Noble Grand unless he has served a regular term as Vice Grand; nor eligible as Vice Grand unless he has served one term in some inferior office. But when all qualified members refuse to accept the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand, a Third Degree member may, under dispensation, be elected to either of said offices without previous service. The V. G. is not eligible to the office of N. G. in case of his resignation, though he has served a majority of the nights of the term. ³

1079. Announcement of names of candidates.—Before each balloting, the Secretary should announce to the Lodge the names of the several candidates then legally in nomination. ⁴ In case of a tie vote in election, the Lodge has failed to elect; the N. G. should then call for nominations for the office and when nominations have again been made, order another ballot. ⁵

1080. For election by acclamation the motion should be "that Brother A.....B..... be elected by acclamation;" the Lodge would then vote thereon by the voting sign; and if the motion prevails, the brother would be thereby elected; the ballot in such case is not necessary. ⁶

1081. There is no restriction upon the re-election or re-appointment of officers; and Lodges should elect the best qualified members to office without regard to prior holding of the same office. ⁷

1082. All elective and appointed officers must have the Scarlet Degree before they are installed. ⁸

1083. An officer may be elected to an office higher than that which he holds, if eligible thereto, thus vacating the lower office. A member may be elected, but cannot be installed, while indebted

¹ Sub. C., Art. V, Sec. 5. Sec. 317, *supra*.

² Sub. C., Art. V, Sec. 6. See Sec. 318, *supra*.

³ Sub. C., Art. V, Sec. 1. S. J., 14681, 15019. See Sec. 313, *supra*.

⁴ C., 235.

⁵ C., 236.

⁶ C., 237.

⁷ C., 242.

⁸ Sub. C., Art. V, Sec. 2.

to the Lodge; but an appointed officer need only be in good standing when appointed and installed. ¹

1084. Void election.—If a candidate not eligible be chosen to office, the election is void and must be held anew. ²

1085. Pro tempore appointments.—The practice is well settled for presiding officers to fill the subordinate stations by *pro tem.* appointment, in places of absentees, previous to proceeding to business, and such is the universal custom of the Order. By-Laws on the subject are unnecessary. The right of the presiding officers to make their appointments according to their discretion is a constitutional one and cannot be infringed upon by by-laws or resolutions of the Lodge. A Lodge may not require the Noble Grand to appoint as O. G. the brother chosen by it as Steward. A Vice Grand *pro tem.* may appoint *pro tempore* his own supporters, if the regular incumbents are not present. ³

1086. If an officer-elect fails to appear on installation night and an insufficient reason be given to the installing officer, the latter may declare the office vacant and require the Lodge immediately to elect a new officer. If the N. G. fails to appear for installation and continues to be absent, the discharge of his duties devolves upon the Vice Grand. ⁴

1087. If an officer-elect on installation night refuses to retire to the ante-room for examination, or, after having so retired, refuses to return to the Lodge room to be installed when required to do so by the Grand Marshal, or if an officer-elect resigns on the evening of installation, the installing officer must declare the office vacant and hold a new election. ⁵

1088. Officers can be removed only in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge. Removal from office is not a penalty that can be inflicted for immoral or improper conduct; it is allowable for official misconduct. Suspension from office is not allowable. ⁶

1089. Non-attendance does not forfeit office of installed officer.—Where no local law provides therefor, an installed officer does not vacate his office by non-attendance. ⁷

1090. Office vacated.—The suspension of an officer for cause and as a punishment, whether for a long or short period, vacates his office. ⁸

¹ C., 246.

² C., 255.

³ C., 256.

⁴ S. J., 2215, 2216, 2264, 2327.

⁵ C., 258.

⁶ C., 259.

⁷ S. J., 2215, 2264, 2327.

⁸ S. J., 7771, 7840.

1091. When forfeiture of office declared.—The vacation of offices provided for in Section 1077 cannot be declared until after the third absence, to-wit, on the fourth night; but if the Lodge does not remove the officer promptly, but allows him to resume the functions of his office without discipline, it cannot afterward call up the case and remove him; and if an officer takes a visiting card, and avowedly departs for a long period, without resigning his office, the Lodge may immediately vacate his chair, and proceed to fill it. ¹

1092. By voluntarily withdrawing from the duties of a station, an officer forfeits the honors thereof, and the successor who fulfills the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors. ²

1093. Elective officers of Subordinates need not have Rebekah Degree.—All laws requiring elective officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the degree of Rebekah are hereby repealed. ³

1094. Any Scarlet member eligible to any office except that of N. G. and V. G.—The general rule is that any Scarlet member ⁴ is eligible to any office in a Lodge except that of Noble Grand and Vice Grand, and hence a Subordinate Lodge has no right to require service in an appointed office as a qualification for election to any other elective office. ⁵

1095. No failure to be installed or to serve on the part of a Noble Grand-elect, or vacation of office after he has assumed his place, can entitle a Vice Grand to the office, unless he has lawfully been elected thereto. Should a Noble Grand-elect fail to appear to be installed, and the Lodge declare his office vacated, the installed Vice Grand-elect could not be a candidate for Noble Grand, unless qualified under Section 1078. ⁶

1096. Officer forfeits honors unless present a majority of meeting nights.—Unless an officer is present in the Lodge room a majority of the meeting nights of his term, when not excused on account of sickness, he is not entitled to the honors of his office. ⁷

1097. Powers of officers generally.—Officers have such powers and perform such duties as are assigned them by their charges, by general laws, and by the Constitutions and By-Laws of their Lodges. ⁸

¹ C., 263.

² S. J., 1244, 5834, 5877, Sec. 1096, *infra*.

³ S. J., 14682, 15019.

⁴ S. J., 11363, 11395.

⁵ S. J., 11100, 11368, 11396.

⁶ S. J., 10254, 10487, 10511.

⁷ S. J., 9371, 9456, 14681, 14682, 15019.

⁸ U. S. Digest of 1847, p. 49.

1108. Limitations to privileges of officers.—All members of the Order are in duty bound, while in their Lodge or Encampment, to be governed by the well-known usages of the Order, and in case of their refusal, it is proper to prefer charges against them for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. No member can claim indulgence on account of his official position in the Order. ¹

1109. The representative of a Lodge occupies the same position as to his Lodge after election that he did before. ²

1100. Officer may not act by proxy.—An officer of a Lodge cannot fill his station by proxy, even with the consent of the Lodge, nor accept an office with any conditions or reservations, nor escape fine for absence by providing a substitute. ³

1101. It is not permissible for Lodges to have the various parts of the work printed in slips to give the officers opportunity to learn them. ⁴

1102. The holding of office does not deprive members of any of their rights and privileges in a Lodge, such as the right of debate, of voting, etc. A Grand Master may take part in the proceedings of his Lodge, and vote for officers, membership and on motions. A member acting as Grand Officer at an installation may vote at any election held by the installing officer if duly qualified. ⁵

1103. Exemption from dues, compensation of officers.—No officer, except the Secretaries, can be exempt from dues; but the Outside Guardian and Warden may be paid for their services at the discretion of the Lodge. A Lodge may pay a Secretary a salary, besides or including the amount of his dues; but the allowance of salary may not be retrospective, and must be fixed before he is elected. ⁶

1104. An officer who is paid is entitled to the proportion of his salary for the length of time he serves. Upon resigning, his successor is not entitled to compensation for the entire term, but only for such time as he acts. ⁷

1105. Relationship no bar.—There is no reason why persons akin to each other, no matter how close the relation, should not hold office at the same time in the same Lodge. ⁸

1106. Election, etc., during suspension of Lodge illegal.—The election and installation of officers held and performed by a Lodge during its expulsion or suspension is illegal and void.

¹ S. J., 4241, 4414, 4430.

² C., 266.

³ C., 267.

⁴ C., 277.

⁵ S. J., 1503, 1513, 4843, 4870; C., 272.

⁶ C., 269.

⁷ S. J., 2268, 2328.

⁸ S. J., 4992, 5194, 5245.

Officers, whose terms of office expire during such time, are not entitled to the honors of the several offices which they have filled during such suspension or expulsion. When the Lodge is resuscitated they resume their several offices, without regard to the duration of the period of suspension. ¹

1107. A Noble Grand-elect failing to be present on the night of the installation of officers, the installing officer, if no satisfactory excuse is offered, may require the Lodge to elect a qualified member, that he may install him into the office. In the absence of local law, should a Noble Grand fail to present himself for installation, and no brother is elected to fill the vacancy, the Vice Grand, as the presiding officer of the Lodge, could appoint the Subordinate officers. ²

1108. If the N. G. fails to appear for installation, and his office is declared vacant, the member elected and installed in his place is the Noble Grand of the Lodge. ³ All officers are obligated to hold until their successors are installed. ⁴

1109. A brother is eligible to the chair of Noble Grand, who, in consequence of sickness, was unable to perform the duties of Vice Grand for a majority of the nights of the term for which he was elected, and who was excused from time to time by his Lodge. ⁵ It is otherwise where the absence is voluntary, even though he should have the leave of his Lodge. In the latter case such leave of absence works a forfeiture of the honors of the term to such officer. ⁶

1110. Duties of Noble Grand.—It is the duty of the Noble Grand to preside in the Lodge, and to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and laws; to see that all the officers of the Lodge and members of committees perform their respective duties; to appoint all non-elective officers, except the Supporters of the Vice Grand; to appoint the majority of all committees not otherwise provided for; to give the casting vote only on all matters or questions before the Lodge. He is entitled to vote in all ballots. He is to inspect and announce the result of all votes by the Lodge; have charge of the charter, which must always be in the Lodge while in session; draw upon the Treasurer for all sums that have been voted by the Lodge, and none other; also to convene special meetings at his own discretion, or as directed in Article I, Section 3, of the Constitution, and perform such other duties as appertain to his office. He may not make nor second any motion; neither can he take part in any debate while presiding. ⁷

1111. Eligibility to offices of N. G. and V. G.—No brother is eligible as N. G. unless he has served a term as V. G. (filling a

¹ S. J., 1391, 1494, 1513.

² S. J., 10254, 10487, 10511.

³ S. J., 2403, 2481, 2503.

⁴ S. J., 8337, 8440.

⁵ S. J., 2309, 2345.

⁶ S. J., 1886, 1946.

⁷ Sub. C., Art. III, Sec. 3; Sec. 302, *supra*.

vacancy at close of term is considered legal service for the term), nor is he eligible as V. G. unless he has served a term in an inferior office, except in a new or revived Lodge; or as provided in Section 1112. A Grand Lodge cannot make a Third Degree member eligible as N. G. on one term's service in a subordinate office; nor may local law require other service than one term in an inferior office as qualification for V. G. Service as Chaplain gives eligibility.¹ Loss, mutilation or disability of the right hand does not disqualify a brother for the office, even of N. G.²

1112. When Scarlet Degree member eligible, dispensation.—

In case of a vacancy in the office of N. G. or V. G. of a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members refusing to accept either of said offices, the Lodge may elect a Scarlet Degree member thereto, who shall be entitled to the honors, as in the case of constituting a new Lodge; *Provided*, however, that a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.³ The same rule obtains in regular elections.⁴

1113. A Past Vice Grand of one Lodge is eligible to the office of Noble Grand in any other Lodge which he may join, if he has proof of such service, but not without such proof; and the possession of a P. O. Degree is legal evidence of having passed the office to which it pertains. If an installed Vice Grand has been illegally displaced, and for that reason has not filled the chair, he is eligible as Noble Grand.⁵

1114. The appointed officers of a Lodge are appointed by the N. G., except the Supporters of the Vice Grand, who are to be appointed by that officer.⁶ They are appointed at the time of installation.⁷

1115. When officers hold over.—If a new Lodge is instituted or a defunct one revived, so late in a term that its officers have not fourteen nights' service before the beginning of the next regular term, new officers are not to be elected for such regular term; but the old officers hold over without election, as service for less than the majority of meetings in a term does not entitle them to the honors of service. The thirteen weeks or less, with the ensuing whole term, make but one term. But if there be fourteen nights or more, new officers are chosen at the regular term, and the officers who have served receive the honors of their offices.⁸

1116. Eligibility of V. G. to office of N. G. — The Vice Grand of a Lodge generally succeeds to the office of Noble Grand. He is

¹ S. J., 14169.

² U. S. Digest of 1847, page 49; S. J., 1067, 1080, 4370, 4375, 4403, 4404, 4993, 5194, 5245.

³ S. J. 2561.

⁴ S. J., 2561, 2588

⁵ C., 252.

⁶ S. J., 1887, 1949.

⁷ Ritual.

⁸ C., 238.

usually nominated and elected before he has served his full term as Vice Grand. He is eligible for the position of N. G., however, if he shall have served the requisite term as V. G. at the time of installation as N. G. ¹

1117. Officers must know secret work. Office may be declared vacant.—It is the duty of the installing officer to satisfy himself fully, by a rehearsal, that the Vice Grand-elect and Noble Grand-elect have faithfully committed and can impart the entire secret work, to and including the Third Degree, and that all the elective officers shall have committed to memory the opening and closing charges that are required of them, and that they are thoroughly conversant with all their various lectures and charges; in lack of which qualification he shall declare the office vacant and order a new election of a competent member. All appointed officers are required to commit their opening and closing charges and the charges in the Initiatory Degree so as to be able to proceed without the books, and to be thoroughly conversant with the work, lectures and charges of the degrees, so as to do the duty assigned them in a manner acceptable to the Lodge, within one month from the date of installation; in default of which, the Noble Grand shall declare the office vacant; *Provided*, that the Grand Master may upon having satisfactory evidence that a strict adherence to the above requirements would be detrimental to the best interests of the Lodge, authorize the installation of the Vice and Noble Grand-elect if they are conversant with the unwritten and ritualistic work. Officers of Subordinate Lodges that have an efficient and thoroughly drilled degree staff may be excused from memorizing the lectures and charges so far as their degree staff performs such work. ²

1118. Overstaying leave of absence.—Where an N. G. obtains leave of absence from his Lodge for three months and overstays his time, being absent for a majority of the nights in the term and his office is declared vacant by vote of the Lodge and a P. G. elected to the vacancy, the Lodge cannot by the resignation of the latter and the re-election of the former for the remainder of that term, make him a P. G. entitled to the honors of a P. G. ³

1119. No one but the acting N. G. may draw on the Treasurer for funds. He has no power or control of the funds of the Lodge but what is expressly given in the Constitution and By-Laws. He cannot hold the office of Treasurer. ⁴

1120. N. G. may call special meetings. When V. G. may act.—The acting N. G. has a right to call special meetings of his Lodge and no one else has that right. The By-Laws or special resolutions of

¹ S. J., 4609, 4670.

² Ill. J., VII, 893, 895.

³ S. J., 2859, 2925, 2963.

⁴ C., 278. Sub. Const., Art. III, Sec. 3.

a Lodge may require the N. G. to convene special meetings under certain circumstances, but his original powers are not thereby infringed. If the N. G. be absent from home or incapacitated from acting, and there should be an emergency, the V. G. may then act in his place, further than this there is no legal provision. ¹

1121. A Lodge cannot dictate the words to be used by the N. G. upon any occasion. ²

1122. Past Grand's charge.—There is no law preventing the N. G. from delivering the P. G.'s charge to initiates, although the charge should be given by a P. G. if present. It should not be given by a V. G. under any circumstances. ³

1123. Officers not obliged to surrender their chairs to team.—A Noble Grand or Vice Grand of any Lodge, Subordinate or Rebekah, is not obliged to surrender his chair to a team in conferring the degrees, although these officers should allow it to be done, unless they are capable of doing it in a creditable manner themselves. ⁴

1124. No person can officiate as N. G. or V. G. unless he has taken the obligation of the office, except in certain cases provided for in the ritual; a supporter, unless he is a P. G. or P. V. G., cannot administer an O. B. N. ⁵

1125. An N. G. desiring to be excused for absence should make his excuse to the Lodge, and the V. G. should state any question arising thereupon. ⁶

1126. N. G. must submit question to Lodge.—A Noble Grand has no right to refuse to put any legitimate question to his Lodge. His differing with the Lodge has nothing to do with the matter. ⁷

1127. N. G. and Secretary may debate.—The limitation in the Constitution that the Noble Grand shall "give the casting vote only" refers to questions of policy before the Lodge. The Noble Grand may join in debate by leaving the chair. The Secretary has the same right to debate that any other member has; and he or any other member may quote, read, or cause to be read, from the records any proceedings germane to the question under consideration. ⁸

1128. Laws relating to rituals.—The N. G. being the proper custodian of the rituals, and all other books containing or relating to the secret work of the Order, may intrust them to his subordinate

¹ C., 279.

² C., 280.

³ S. J., 1895, 1952.

⁴ S. J., 10737, 10951.

⁵ C., 282; See Sec. 1142, *infra*.

⁶ C., 286.

⁷ S. J., 4992, 5194, 5245.

⁸ C., 275.

officers for the purpose of qualification while in the Lodge room; but it is unlawful to take these books from the room; the laws prohibit the writing of the initiatory charges as well as all other parts of the work; the N. G. holds the books, etc., in his possession until his successor is installed. ¹

1129. Honors of Past Grand.—A brother elected and serving as N. G. for five months or for a majority of nights, and granted leave of absence by his Lodge for the balance of his term, is entitled to the honors of Past Grand. ²

1130. When V. G. may appoint Subordinate officers.—In the absence of any local law on the subject, should a Noble Grand-elect fail to present himself for installation and no brother is elected to fill the vacancy, the Vice Grand, as the presiding officer of the Lodge, could appoint the Subordinate officers. At other times during the absence of an N. G., the V. G. should perform all the duties devolving upon the N. G. which require to be performed at that time. The immediate filling of a vacancy in an appointed office, during a temporary absence of the N. G., might not be necessary, and would not, therefore, devolve upon the V. G. unless the Lodge so instructed him. ³

1131. When N. G. absent V. G. may act.—During the absence of the Noble Grand from the Lodge room, the Vice Grand must take the place of such superior officer and discharge the duties of executive office; he may assign a properly qualified brother to act as Noble Grand during an initiation, or the conference of degrees; but he possesses the unquestionable right to act as Noble Grand during the absence of that officer, whether at a regular, special or called meeting of the Lodge, and he cannot be deprived of such privilege, which, in fact, is a duty under the law. ⁴

1132. Duties of Vice Grand.—The Vice Grand shall assist the Noble Grand in presiding in the Lodge. He shall appoint his own supporters, and the minority of all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall have special charge of the door under the Noble Grand. In the absence of the Noble Grand he shall preside and perform all other duties required by the charges and usages of the Order. ⁵

1133. The V. G. can confer degrees when acting as N. G., and then only. If he observes any breach of order or decorum which has escaped the notice of the N. G., it is his right and duty to attend to it, using his gavel for the purpose. ⁶

¹ Ritual. S. J., 4467, 4626, 4671; C., 276.

² S. J., 8838, 9025, 9101.

³ S. J., 13256, 13548, 13671.

⁴ S. J., 11899, 12217, 12281.

⁵ Sub. C., Art. III, Sec. 4.

⁶ C., 288.

1134. As to the qualifications for the office of Vice Grand, there is no difference between an elective and appointed officer. Either must have served one full term in order to be eligible. ¹

1135. The Supreme Law does not require service as Secretary as a qualification for Vice Grand.—Any requirement of that character is contrary to such law, and is invalid. ²

1136. Eligibility.—A brother who has held the office of Permanent Secretary for six months, making service of twenty-six nights, is eligible to the office of Vice Grand. ³

1137. A Noble Grand is an executive officer, and the Vice Grand may be, as in case of the absence of the Noble Grand. The Recording Secretary is a ministerial officer. A District Deputy Grand Master may act as Recording Secretary, but a Noble Grand or Vice Grand cannot. The D. D. G. M. may be installed as Recording Secretary by any Past Grand. ⁴

1138. Duties of Vice Grand.—In the absence of the N. G. it is not only the right but the duty of the V. G. to take the place of the superior officer and fulfill all his functions, except that the V. G. must not deliver the P. G.'s charge. ⁵ And it is the duty of the V. G. while occupying the chair to wear the regalia of the N. G. ⁶ The N. G. when present at the meeting of his Lodge must preside. Neither the N. G. nor the V. G. acting as N. G. has the power to waive his right and place a P. G. in the Noble Grand's chair during the presence in the Lodge room of either N. G. or V. G.; *Provided*, that this decision is not to be considered as applicable to a temporary absence of those officers during a portion of a Lodge meeting, in which case the chair must be filled as provided in the ritual. ⁷ An N. G. has the right to invite a P. G. to occupy the chair during initiation or the conferring of degrees. ⁸

1138 a. The action of a Lodge is not illegal when a Past Grand is called to preside by the Noble Grand, he (the Noble Grand) remaining in the Lodge room, there being no objection made at the time nor during the occupancy of the chair by the Past Grand. ⁹

1139. The words "temporary absence," as used in the charge to the Right Supporter of the Noble Grand in the ceremony of installation of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge, and as used in the preceding section, must be taken to mean the absence of the Noble Grand from his chair merely, while he still remains in the Lodge room or ante-room, which, under the law, constitutes a com-

¹ S. J., 9858, 10105, 10176, 10251, 10487, 10511.

² S. J., 10145, 10186.

³ C., 254.

⁴ S. J., 11099, 11368, 11396.

⁵ S. J., 1068.

⁶ S. J., 1475, 1511.

⁷ S. J., 2676.

⁸ S. J., 3540.

⁹ S. J., 5852, 5936.

ponent part of the Lodge room. Whenever the N. G. leaves the Lodge room, then the duty of occupying his chair devolves upon the V. G. ¹

1140. V. G. may not deliver P. G.'s charge.—The Past Grand's charge cannot be delivered by the V. G., unless the one delivering the charge is a P. G. ²

1141. The Vice Grand, in the absence of the Noble Grand, performs all his duties, including the conferring of the Initiatory Degree. ³

1142. In the absence of the V. G., and of all P. G.'s, the N. G. must appoint a member to fill that chair. But when the V. G. leaves his chair temporarily during Lodge hours, his R. S. fills it. If the V. G. and all P. G.'s and P. V. G.'s are absent from an initiation, the N. G. must act as V. G. and P. G. also, because a supporter or *pro tempore* V. G. (unless he is a P. V. G.) cannot administer the O. B. N. When both N. G. and V. G. are absent, any P. G. may take the chair as determined by a majority of the brothers present, and not by virtue of any by-law regulation, and may perform all the duties of N. G. and V. G. ⁴

1143. The V. G. cannot open another Lodge.—The V. G. of one Lodge is not qualified to open another Lodge, even if all the qualified members of that other Lodge are absent. ⁵

1144. A Third Degree member who has never filled an office may not be appointed to act as V. G. when a P. G. is present. ⁶

1145. Duties of Secretary.—The Secretary is to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge, write all communications, fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge, issue all summonses or notices required, attest to all moneys ordered paid at regular meetings, and none other. He is to make out at the end of his term the Semi-Annual Report required by Article XI, of this Constitution, and accurately record the same and the Annual Report in the Register of Reports; ⁷ also a report for the Lodge, showing fully its work and condition during the term. He is to perform the duties of the Permanent Secretary if none be chosen; he is exempt from all dues; he may receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to his election. He is also to keep a list of all warrants drawn on the Treasurer, recording the date, amount and name of person in whose favor drawn; and if the warrant be payable from any special fund, that fact must appear both on the warrant and on the list. He is also to keep a register of

¹ S. J., 8092, 8177.

² S. J., 9416, 9464.

³ S. J., 9856, 10105, 10176.

⁴ C., 289.

⁵ C., 290.

⁶ S. J., 10105, 10176.

⁷ See Secs. 1054, 1055, *supra*.

membership, enrolling the names of members of the Lodge, with date of proposal, initiation (or signing the Constitution upon admission by card or certificate), resignation, withdrawal by card, death, suspension, reinstatement or expulsion; also therein recording the conferring of degrees and the attainment of official rank. ¹

1146. The Secretary pro tem. is the proper officer to sign cards, letters, papers and documents of the meeting at which he is officiating, even though one or more of them relate to himself. ²

1147. The officers of Subordinates have no power to use the seal, unless so ordered by the Subordinates, or in accordance with the enactments of Grand Bodies, or in the legitimate business of the Subordinate where the use of the seal is necessary. A Secretary may affix the seal of the Lodge to any document which he is authorized or required to certify to by law, whether the document has been brought before his Lodge or not; but he may not use the seal of the Lodge in any other case without its special order. The seal is to be used by the Secretary only, and not by the Permanent Secretary; the P. S. has no right to put the seal upon the notices of arrears, official certificates or other documents which he issues. ³

1148. Neither Secretary of a Lodge is required by the Constitution or by their charges to give notice to watchers, unless required to do so by the Lodge. It rests with the Lodge to determine whether and how the Secretaries shall assist the Visiting Committees in the care of the sick. ⁴

1149. Death certificate may be ordered.—A Subordinate Lodge may, upon request of the members or of the friends of a deceased brother, order its officers to execute a certificate of the Lodge to the death of the brother. ⁵

1150. Membership certificates must be issued to candidates for Encampment or Rebekah Lodge.—A certificate of the Secretary of the Subordinate Lodge of which the applicant is a member, with the seal attached, shall accompany all applications for membership made to a Subordinate Encampment or Rebekah Lodge, and it is hereby made the duty of every Secretary to fill out and furnish to any Scarlet Degree member of his Lodge who is in good standing, such certificate upon application therefor. ⁶

1151. Duties of Permanent Secretary.—The Permanent Secretary, if any, must be chosen annually, at the election in March. He must keep the accounts between the Lodge and its members, pay over to the Treasurer immediately all moneys received by him, and

¹ Sub. C., Art. III, Sec. 5, Sec. 304, *supra*.

² S. J., 6986, 7055.

³ C., 293; S. J., 9856, 10105, 10176.

⁴ C., 295.

⁵ Ill. J., VIII, p. 300.

⁶ S. J., 10523, 10660; R. L. C., Art. III, Sec. 7.

inform the Treasurer from time to time, or at the last payment in each term, how much of the money paid to him belongs to any special fund of the Lodge. He must notify all members who are at any time in arrears for eleven months' dues, delivering the notice in person, if practicable, but if not, then mailing it to the member's last known address; and at the expiration of the next succeeding month, if said member's account is not settled in whole or in part, sufficient to reduce his arrears to less than one full year's dues, he is then to present the name of such member to the Lodge. Prior to the last meeting in March, June, September and December, respectively, he must notify all members who are in arrears for one-quarter's dues. At the close of each term he is to make to the Lodge a detailed report of the business of his office, and have his books written up for the Finance Committee, whom he is to meet prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term to exhibit his books and papers, and to aid them in the examination thereof; and at the first regular meeting of the new term he must present his report to the Lodge, with a statement of the balance of account of each unsuspended member. He is also to make out the annual report to the Grand Lodge as required by Article XI,¹ and deliver it to the Secretary for record and for forwarding to the Grand Lodge. He is exempt from all dues, and may receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to his election.²

FORM OF BOND OF PERMANENT SECRETARY.

1152. His bond is as follows:

Know all Men by these Presents, That I,, as principal, and we,, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Trustees of Lodge, No., of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the State of Illinois, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, in the sum of dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made to the said Trustees of Lodge, No., as aforesaid, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Scaled with our seals, and dated this day of, eighteen hundred and ninety-

Whereas, the said has been elected Permanent Secretary of the said Lodge, No., for the term commencing on the first day of April, 189 . . . , and ending on the thirty-first day of March following, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

Now, therefore, the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said Permanent Secretary, shall faithfully and honestly perform all the duties of his said office, as specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge, No., and the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, this obligation shall be void; otherwise, it shall be in full force.

Signed, sealed and delivered in	.....	[SEAL]
the presence of .....	.....	[SEAL]
Rec. Sec. of Lodge, No. . .	.....	[SEAL]
in Illinois.		

¹ See Secs. 1052, 1054, *supra*.

² Sub. C., Art. III, Sec. 6. See Secs. 1159, 1164, *infra*.

This bond must be approved by the Lodge before the installation of officers; at least two good sureties must be given. If a Permanent Secretary is re-elected, a new bond must be given. The Chairman of the Trustees is the proper custodian of this bond.

1153. Duties of Treasurer.—The Treasurer is to be elected annually at the election in March, and prior to his installation in office must give a joint and several bond to the Trustees of the Lodge, with two sureties to be approved by the Lodge, with such penalties and conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge. Such bond, before being presented to the Lodge, must have been submitted to and approved by a majority of the Trustees. He is to keep the funds, notes and securities of the Lodge; pay all orders drawn on him by the Noble Grand and attested by the Secretary, and none others; keep a full account of all moneys expended; and give the Lodge, at the first meeting in each month, a statement of its funds. He must keep a separate account of any special fund instituted by the Lodge, and report to the Permanent Secretary, at or before the last meeting in each term, any money received by him as interest or dividends on any notes, securities or stocks held by him. He is required to make for the Lodge, at the close of his term a full report of his receipts and disbursements, and must have his books written up for the Finance Committees, whom he is to meet prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term, to exhibit his books, papers, securities, bonds, funds and other property in his possession; and at the first regular meeting of the next term must present his report to the Lodge. He is further required to pay over and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, bonds, books, papers and other property in his possession or under his control, belonging to the Lodge, to his successor in office, or to such person as the Lodge may appoint to receive the same.¹

FORM OF TREASURER'S BOND.

1154. His bond is as follows:

Know all Men by these Presents, That I,....., as principal, and we,, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Trustees of.....Lodge, No..... of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the State of Illinois, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, in the sum of.....dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made to the said Trustees of.....Lodge, No....., as aforesaid, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this.....day of....., eighteen hundred ninety.....

Whereas, the said.....has been elected Treasurer of the said..... Lodge, No....., for the term commencing on the first day of April, 189..., and ending on the thirty-first day of March following, and until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified, by reason whereof divers sums of money, bonds, choses in action, chattels and other property belonging to said Lodge, No....., will come into his hands;

¹ Sub. C., Art. III, Sec. 7.

Now, therefore, the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the said....., Treasurer, shall keep a regular and correct account of all moneys received by him as Treasurer, and pay out the same, or any portion thereof, upon the proper order of said Lodge, No....., and not otherwise; and shall safely keep, and upon the expiration of his term of office, and whenever by said Lodge required, shall render unto said Lodge, No....., a just and true account of all such sum or sums of money, bonds, choses in action, chattels and other property as shall at any time have come into his hands, charge or possession, as Treasurer of said Lodge; and shall pay and deliver over to his successor in office upon demand of him made by his successor, or by said Lodge, No....., all such balances or sums of money, bonds, choses in action, chattels and other property which shall at any time have come into his hands, possession or control, as Treasurer of said Lodge, No....., and if the said....., Treasurer, shall not wrong said Lodge, No....., to the value of anything, nor take part or share, directly or indirectly, in any illegal distribution of the funds or other property of said Lodge, No....., but shall, to the best of his ability endeavor to prevent any such perversion of Lodge property, and shall in all things well and truly, honestly and faithfully perform all and singular his duties as Treasurer of said Lodge, No....., during his continuance in office, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the	.....[SEAL]
presence of.....	.....[SEAL]
Rec. Sec. of.....Lodge, No.....,	.....[SEAL]
in Illinois.	.....[SEAL]

This bond must be approved by a majority of the Trustees, and afterward be presented to and approved by the Lodge, before installation of officers begins; at least two good sureties must be given. If a Treasurer be re-elected, a new bond must be given. A bond containing interlineations or erasures should not be approved. The Chairman of the Trustees is the proper custodian of this bond.

1155. A brother cannot hold the office of Recording Secretary and that of Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge at the same time.¹

1156. A Secretary should not pay money to a Treasurer who has not been legally installed, with a valid bond, and in case of such illegal installation, the Lodge should direct the Secretary not to make such payments.²

1157. Permanent Secretary may give proper date to payment overlooked.—Becoming satisfied that a payment was made to him which he has omitted to enter, he has a right to enter such payment and give credit to the brother for the payment as of the date when it was actually made; and if a payment made at the earlier day would have made the brother entitled to benefits, the Lodge must allow the claim³

1158. The Outside Guardian must not admit members of his own Lodge to the ante-room without the alarm, when the Lodge is open. The Guardians of the Lodge should require a strict observance of the regulations of the Order. If the O. G. is absent at the

¹ S. J., 8839, 9025, 9101.

³ C., 299.

² C., 298.

beginning of the opening ceremony, but arrives before it is completed, he should take his place at once. ¹

1159. Prior to installation into office, the Permanent Secretary shall give a joint and several bond to the Trustees of the Lodge, with two sureties to be approved by the Lodge, with such penalties and conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge. When the duties of Permanent Secretary are performed by the Recording Secretary, the same bond shall be required of him as of the Permanent Secretary; and the Grand Secretary is instructed to furnish blank bonds to Lodges for Permanent Secretary and Treasurer. A bond for the term commencing with April will not answer for the term commencing with October, as it is not binding on the obligors; and alterations of old official bonds should never be allowed. ²

1160. Recording Secretary's bond.—The form of the bond required by Section 1159 to be given by the Recording Secretary is similar to the form of the bond of the Permanent Secretary, except that in place of the word "Permanent" the word "Recording" should appear.

1161. The Treasurer must give receipt for all moneys, bonds, securities, documents and papers coming into his hands by and through the hands of the Trustees. ³

1162. The Trustees of a Lodge are not to be named individually in the bond of an officer, nor can the amount of the bond be fixed by a by-law. ⁴

1163. A Treasurer may refuse to pay an order which he knows to have been drawn by mistake or fraud, until he can report the facts to the Lodge. ⁵

1164. Treasurer is proper custodian of funds and securities.—The Treasurer and not the committee of Trustees is the proper custodian, not only of the funds, but of all the notes, bonds (except official bonds), etc., belonging to the Lodge. ⁶

1165. Duty and privileges of Past Grand.—It shall be the duty of the Junior Past Grand of this Lodge to act in the capacity of Past Grand, and to deliver the charge of that office to candidates. Any Past Grand may act as Noble Grand or Vice Grand when legally called thereto. ⁷

1166. The general law does not authorize a Past Grand to cast his vote for any purpose in a Lodge other than the one to which he belongs. In the absence of local legislation, Past Grands can

¹ C., 308.

² C., 300.

³ C., 302.

⁴ C., 303

⁵ C., 304.

⁶ C., 305.

⁷ Sub. C., Art. III, Sec. 8.

vote for Grand Lodge officers only at the Grand Lodge sessions. The manner in which Past Grands may vote for Grand Officers is also subject to local legislation. ¹

1167. A Past Grand should wear a Past Grand's collar in Lodge (if obtainable) and should, unless he be an officer, neither enter, remain in or leave a Lodge, when open, without it. ²

1168. Duties of other officers.—All other officers than those enumerated in previous sections of the Constitution ³ are required to perform such duties as are prescribed for them respectively by the regulations and charges of their offices and the By-Laws of the Lodge. ⁴

STANDING COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1169.—Standing committees and Trustees.

- " 1170.—Trustees are not officers.
- " 1171.—Voting for Trustees.
- " 1172.—Power of Trustees, illegal limitations upon.
- " 1173.—Trustees have not power to draw on Treasurer. Trustees must invest funds.
- " 1174.—Trustees are custodians of official bonds.
- " 1175.—Trustees governed by business rules.
- " 1176.—Trustees liable to penalty.
- " 1177.—Visiting Committee, members of.
- " 1178.—Visiting Committee deals with benefit claims.
- " 1179.—Members of Finance Committee.
- " 1180.—Finance Committee pro tem.
- " 1181.—Committee, duty of, member of to serve.

1169. Standing committees.—The standing committees of this Lodge are Committee of Trustees, a Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee, and such others as may be created by the By-Laws. Five Trustees are annually chosen by ballot at the regular election in March; a plurality of votes elects. The term of office of Trustees begins on April 1st following their election. After having qualified they hold their office until their successors have been elected and qualified by filing certificate of election as herein provided. The Recording Secretary, within one week after said election, must file with the County Recorder of the county where such Lodge is located, a certificate of the election of said Trustees, such certificate setting forth also that the term of office of said Trustees begins on April the first following. It is the duty of the said newly elected Trustees when qualified as above, to approve the bonds of the newly elected officers; also to act as Executive Committee of the Lodge in carrying out all acts not otherwise provided for; to procure Lodge room, fuel, lights, regalia, and all things necessary for the comfort of the

¹ S. J., 14573, 14608.

² S. J., 13256, 13548, 13671.

³ See Secs. 1062, 1110, 1132, 1145, 1151, 1153, 1165.

⁴ Sub. C., Art III, Sec. 9.

Lodge, under its directions. They have the guardianship of all widows and orphans of the Lodge, and are required to carry out all provisions of the Lodge in relation to them; and must from time to time recommend such action as they may deem necessary for the prosperity of the Lodge; they must present to the Lodge, at the close of their term of office, a written report of their proceedings.¹

1170. Trustees of a Lodge are not officers thereof.—It is not expedient that either the N. G., V. G., Secretary or Treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Trustees. Unless he is elected to fill a vacancy, the term of a Trustee begins on the 1st of April after he is elected; and he serves a full year.²

1171. If there is a tie in the vote for the election of Trustees, another ballot must be held, in which the members vote to fill as many vacancies as are unfilled by reason of the tie or ties; they do not vote for a full ticket of five persons, unless all are tied.³

1172. Illegal limitations upon the power of Trustees. Removal.—Lodges may not make By-Laws that Trustees shall hold office during good behavior; and they can be displaced from their trusteeship only on conviction of official misconduct, or in case of delinquency, or removal from the place where the Lodge is located. Only the Lodge, and not the N. G., can remove Trustees.⁴

1173. The Trustees cannot have power given them to draw upon the Treasurer; nor can they keep the funds of the Lodge, as these can pass into their hands for investment only, under the order of the Lodge in each instance. And a Lodge may not instruct its Trustees to take the moneys of the Lodge and deposit the same in a savings bank, payable to their own order.⁵

1174. Trustees custodians of official bonds.—The Trustees and not the Treasurer, are the proper custodians of the Treasurer's and all other official bonds.⁶

1175. Usual business rules govern.—If the Trustees are instructed to purchase anything for the Lodge, common business rules ought to be followed; and if they cannot obtain the articles without the money, they cannot be compelled to advance the money, but may ask the Lodge to advance it.⁷

1176. Trustees liable to penalty.—All members are bound to obey the legal mandates of their Lodge; if Trustees refuse or neglect to report on the financial condition of the Lodge when ordered so to do by it, they are liable to fine or other penalty at the discretion of the Lodge.⁸

¹ Sub. C., Art. IV, Secs. 1, 2.

² C., 1018.

³ C., 1019.

⁴ C., 1020.

⁵ C., 1021.

⁶ C., 1022.

⁷ C., 1023.

⁸ C., 1024.

1177. The Visiting Committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom shall be the Noble Grand. They shall keep themselves informed at all times as to the condition of a brother who has been reported sick; they shall report to the Lodge what benefits he is entitled to; and they shall provide for his care and watch, as his case may require. If a member of another Lodge be sick and apply to this Lodge for relief, his case shall be referred to the Visiting Committee as if he were a member of this Lodge, and if he be entitled to receive benefits from his own Lodge, this Lodge shall advance the sum thus due him, and forward an account of the same to his Lodge without delay. The Lodge may, by by-law, add to the number of this committee and prescribe more specific details of their duty; *Provided*, that in cities or towns having more than two Lodges the Relief Committee of the different Lodges may, if they see fit, appoint one of their number to act with a like number from the other Lodges in the town or city, as a Special Visiting Committee, whose duties shall be the care of traveling or sojourning brothers who may be sick or disabled in the town or city where such Lodges exist.¹

1178. Visiting Committee has charge of claims for benefits.—The Visiting Committee, and not the Finance Committee, deals with claims for benefits.²

1179. The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the Noble Grand on the night of his installation. They shall audit and inspect the accounts, books, securities, bonds, funds and other property in the hands of the Treasurer, and the books and reports of the Secretaries, and of other officers and committees charged with the receipt and expenditure of money. For this purpose they shall fix a time and place to meet the Secretaries and Treasurer, after the last regular meeting in each semi-annual term, and shall report in writing at the first regular meeting in the next term. They shall also examine all other financial matters referred to them, and report thereon to the Lodge as soon as practicable. Neither the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Permanent Secretary, nor any member of the Board of Trustees, shall be a member of the Finance Committee.³

1180. Finance Committee pro tem.—The N. G. has the right to appoint a member of the Finance Committee *pro tem.* when circumstances require it.⁴

1181. Member appointed on committee should serve.—Although the By-Laws may be silent upon the subject, yet, when appointed on a committee, it is the duty of a member of a Lodge to serve, unless excused by the Noble Grand or the Lodge.⁵

¹ Sub. C., Art. IV, Sec. 3.

² C., 1027.

³ Sub. C., Art. IV, Sec. 4.

⁴ C., 1026.

⁵ S. J., 8839, 9025, 9101.

PAST OFFICIAL DEGREES.

- SECTION 1182.—Past Grand's Degree.
 " 1183.—Grand Lodge Degree.
 " 1184.—G. L. D. and P. G. D. may be conferred on visiting brother.
 " 1185.—P. G. to receive degree from Lodge deputy.
 " 1186.—Official degrees abolished.
 " 1187.—Members of S. G. L. are entitled to side degrees.
 " 1188.—Degree is legal evidence.
 " 1189.—N. G. service taken preliminary to becoming J. P. G.
 " 1190.—J. P. G. not officer.
 " 1191.—P. G. when disqualified to enter G. L.
 " 1192.—P. G. resigning and readmitted entitled to former rank.
 " 1193.—Retiring officer of a Subordinate Lodge entitled to honors.
 " 1194.—Privileges, deprivation of by G. L. illegal.
 " 1195.—Past Grands may not be deprived of their vote for Grand Officers.
 " 1196.—No fee for P. G. Degree.

1182. Past Grand's Degree is a reward for service in office in a Subordinate Lodge, and may be conferred at any proper time and place on those who have earned it and produce proper certificates from Lodges in which it has been earned. ¹

1183. Grand Lodge Degree is conferred upon Past Grands for faithful service and is conferred in the very room in which the Grand Lodge is assembled, or by special permission in a contiguous room; it may be conferred at a regular or special session of the Grand Lodge. ²

1184. G. L. D. and P. G. D. may be conferred on a visiting brother.—A State Grand Lodge may confer the G. L. D. and Past Grand's Degree upon Past Grands of other jurisdictions, upon presentation of a visiting card from their own Lodge and a certificate executed by the G. M. under seal of the Grand Lodge to whose jurisdiction such Past Grands belong that they are entitled to the same. A Grand Lodge has no right to confer these degrees at the request of such Past Grand's Subordinate Lodge; it can only be done at the request of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the Subordinate in which the brother has earned the degree. ³

1185. Lodge deputy may confer P. G. D.—A retiring Noble Grand is entitled to the Past Grand's Degree as soon as his term of office as N. G. has expired. The degree may be conferred outside of the Grand Lodge, if such Body has authorized it to be so conferred by the L. D. G. M. or by any P. G. authorized by him. ⁴

1186. Official Degrees abolished.—Past Vice Grands and Past Secretaries Official Degrees were abolished in secret session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (1888 Secret Journal).

¹ S. J., 2134, 2176.

² S. J., 1091, 8079, 8174.

³ S. J., 2308, 2345, 4367, 4402, 12355, 12633, 12689.

⁴ S. J., 13783, 14036, 14070.

1187. Side degrees.—Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are entitled to have the Grand Encampment Degree, and all side degrees conferred upon them by the presiding officer of said Grand Lodge.¹ The degrees thus obtained confer no privileges, and their possession does not empower and authorize them to visit a Grand Encampment, Canton or Rebekah Lodge unless they are otherwise qualified so to do.²

1188. A brother is not entitled to any honors of office past unless he can prove such service. The possession of a P. Degree is legal evidence of having passed the office to which it pertains. A brother who once passes an office in any Lodge carries with him to any other Lodge he may afterwards join all the official honors he may have earned.³

1189. Service as Noble Grand to the very last moment is a preliminary condition to becoming a Junior Past Grand. But service alone is not sufficient. A Past Grand does not become such until he is duly installed, and as Past Grands only can sit in the Grand Lodge, it follows that until a brother is installed into that office he cannot be elected a representative of his Lodge.⁴

1190. Junior Past Grand should not hold office in the Lodge. May serve two terms if N. G. re-elected.—The Junior Past Grand is not strictly an officer of the Lodge; but it is his duty to occupy the chair of the Past Grand for one term and deliver the Past Grand's charge to candidates at initiation.⁵ When the Noble Grand is re-elected the last Junior Past Grand may be called on to serve two terms.⁶

1191. Disqualification of P. G. to enter G. L.—Twenty-six meetings of the Subordinate Lodge, held weekly, are required to constitute a full term; but if circumstances over which the Lodge can exercise no control shall occur, by which meetings cannot be held, the Junior Past Grand should not from that fact alone be disqualified from admission into his Grand Lodge. If, however, the meetings of a Lodge are suspended by its own seeking or application, for causes over which it could exercise control, and the Lodge fails to comply with the requisites of the law, or as a penalty, the officers of the Lodge for the term would therefore properly be deprived of their Past Official Degrees. The dispensation of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master could have no effect on the result.⁷

1192. P. G. resigning and re-admitted entitled to former rank.—A Past Grand who resigns his membership and afterwards is re-admitted to the Order, is entitled to such rank as he can satisfy the Lodge he had previously attained.⁸

¹ S. J., 491.

² S. J., 11893, 12253, 12299.

³ C., 318.

⁴ S. J., 6211, 6263.

⁵ S. J., 3512, 3558, 3587.

⁶ C., 320.

⁷ S. J., 2781, 2818.

⁸ S. J., 9854, 10105, 10176.

1193. Retiring Officers of a Subordinate Lodge are entitled to the honors of the term if they are present in the Lodge room a majority of the meeting nights of the term, and hold their offices to the close of the term.¹

1194. Privileges, deprivation of by G. L.—A Grand Lodge has not the power to deprive Past Officers of the privileges acquired by service. Their rights are to Past Official Degree, precedence belonging to their grade, to seats in Grand Lodges, to vote for Grand Officers and an eligibility to office.² These rights are vested, and Past Grands cannot surrender them to anybody in the Order; they may fail to use them, but the right remains so long as they are members in good standing.³

1195. Past Grands may not be deprived of their right to vote for Grand Officers.—A provision of a State Constitution that "The Past Grands and representatives of each Lodge shall have one vote collectively for officers of the Grand Lodge," is in direct conflict with the laws of the S. G. L.⁴ The S. G. L. refused to permit the adoption of the following amendment to the Constitution of a State Grand Lodge: "Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to as many votes in the election of Grand Officers as there are Past Grands belonging to said Subordinate Lodge; and in the absence of any of the Past Grands the representative shall have the right to cast all the votes his Lodge is entitled to."⁵

1196. No fee for P. G. Degree.—For services in the office of N. G., the Past Official Degree is given without fee. It is given only for actual service for the majority of nights of a term ending with the close of a term, or for service filling a vacancy, ending with the close of a term; for the honors of office go to the last incumbent in any term, however short the remnant of a term for which he fills it. Hence an officer who resigns loses the honors.⁶

INSTALLATION.

SECTION 1197.—Installation, the regular and formal induction into office.

" 1198.—The Grand Master must provide for installing officers.

" 1199.—The obligation at installation.

" 1200.—A deputy may cause the installation to be performed by Past Grand.

" 1201.—Vacancy after installation; N. G. or P. G. may install.

" 1202.—Time of installations.

" 1203.—May be held at any meeting.

" 1204.—Reports, etc., must be in hands of proper officer before installation.

¹ S. J., 10717, 10942, 10979.

² S. J., 1084, 1120.

³ S. J., 1289.

⁴ S. J., 5849, 5936.

⁵ S. J., 5851, 5936.

⁶ S. J., 1245, 1613, 1638, 1902, 1953.

- SECTION** 1205.—The reports to Grand Lodge must be accepted.
- “ 1206.—The installing officer must see that the brothers installed as officers are duly qualified.
- “ 1207.—Noble Grand must give up his chair, when.
- “ 1208.—If an officer-elect fails to appear for installation.
- “ 1209.—The Lodge is in charge of the installing office..
- “ 1210.—After examination officers-elect do not address Chair.
- “ 1211.—Before Treasurer can be installed bond must be approved.
- “ 1212.—In case of objection interposed during installation.
- “ 1213.—When the eligibility of a candidate is called in question.
- “ 1214.—When a deputy has refused to install a brother.
- “ 1215.—G. M. or Lodge deputy only while installing may grant dispensation.
- “ 1216.—No compensation, when, etc.
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- “ 1219.—Grand Bodies may authorize Subordinates to install.
- “ 1220.—If any controversy arise between an Elective Grand Officer and a Lodge Deputy Grand Master.
- “ 1221.—Public installations should be held in the Lodge room.
- “ 1222.—Public installations, manner of.
- “ 1223.—Lodge must be open in Third Degree.
- “ 1224.—Grand Master must see that officers are installed.
- “ 1225.—Officers should address the Chair.
- “ 1226.—A brother should be installed, although charges are pending against him.

1197. Installation is the regular and formal induction into office.—If the office is elective, an obligation is part of the ceremony; in appointed offices there is only a placing and a charge. Installation is necessary to the holding of an office; election and even assumption of the duties of an office do not make one a legal officer without installation, and no honors of office accrue to one not installed. ¹

1198. The Grand Master must provide for installing officers of Lodges by himself or deputy; but if at the regular time the Grand Master or his deputy is not present and has not provided for installation at some other time, or by some deputed Past Grand, any Past Grand may perform the installation; but if all Past Grands are absent, the Noble Grand may perform installation. ²

1199. The obligation at installation can only be administered by those upon whom they have been conferred. ³ The Noble Grand in the absence of the Grand Master and his deputy and of all Past Grands may install his successor. ⁴

1200. A deputy may cause the installation to be performed by a Past Grand to whom he gives written authority, to be presented to the Lodge. If the installation is performed by a Past Grand not thus deputed, preference among the Past Grands present must be given to a Past Grand Officer, or by rank and seniority. ⁵

¹ C., 334.

⁴ S. J., 1246.

² C., 335.

⁵ C., 338.

³ S. J., 1085, 1120.

1201. Vacancy after installation. Noble Grand or Past Grand may install.—In the case of a vacancy occurring in any office after the regular period of installation, it is not necessary to procure special authority from the Grand Master or his deputy to install a successor; that duty may be performed by the Noble Grand or a Past Grand. ¹

1202. Time of installation.—The Treasurer and Permanent Secretary, if there be one, shall be installed at the first meeting in April. Other officers shall be installed at the first meeting in April and October. If a public installation of officers be had, it may be at any other time than that specified above, but not prior to the first meetings in April and October. ²

1203. May be held at any meeting. Installation is regularly held as set forth in Section 1202, but it may be held at any meeting, regular or special, legally called by the Noble Grand not earlier than the first regular meeting. ³

1204. Reports, etc., must be in hands of proper officer before installation.—The officers of Subordinate Lodges shall not be installed, unless the reports, returns and moneys due from such Lodges to their respective jurisdictions be actually made and placed in the hands of the proper officer, or be actually in transit to the proper destination. ⁴

1205. The reports to the Grand Lodge must be accepted by the installing officer as sufficient if the Lodge has accepted them. He must see that they have been duly recorded in the register before he proceeds to install the officers. ⁵

1206. The installing officer must see that the brothers installed as officers are duly qualified, namely: free from dues, if elected officers; qualified in degrees and by previous service when these are required; and that each officer has complied with the law as to acquaintance with the work and his charges. But in case of an election held in an emergency or to fill a vacancy occurring at the time of installation, the installing officer must not insist upon knowledge of the charges. ⁶

1207. The Noble Grand must give up his chair on demand of the installing officer, even if re-elected, since he must be re-installed. An officer refusing to give up his station on such demand is liable to penalty. ⁷

1208. If an officer-elect fails to appear for installation, or resigns during the installation, or refuses to retire or to return with

¹ C., 339.

² Sub. C., Art. V, Sec. 4.

³ C., 341.

⁴ S. J., 2643, 2667.

⁵ C., 343.

⁶ C., 344.

⁷ C., 346.

the Grand Marshal, the installing officer will proceed according to the law of Sections 1086, 1087. ¹

1209. The Lodge is in charge of the installing officer from the moment when he directs the vacation of the chairs till the Grand Master's final proclamation. During this time the Noble Grand has no right to put a question to the Lodge, or to interfere with the proceedings of the installing officer; to do so is insubordination. That officer takes the Noble Grand's chair. ²

1210. After examination, officers-elect do not address Chairs.—Officers-elect, having been examined in the ante-room, when they enter for installation, do not address the Chairs. ³

1211. Before Treasurer can be installed bond must be approved.—If a Treasurer-elect is presented for installation before his bond has been legally executed and approved, the installing officer may cause the bond to be perfected and approved forthwith, or may postpone the installation, or may declare the office vacant and hold a new election immediately. ⁴

1212. In case of objection interposed during installation the installing officer proceeds as directed in the ritual; but a qualified and duly elected brother is to be installed, unless charges are preferred, though some one or more say they are not content. In case of doubt as to eligibility, the Lodge must furnish the facts of record to the installing officer. An appeal and charges of misconduct do not stay installation. ⁵

1213. When the eligibility of a candidate is called in question and an appeal thereon is taken, the installation goes on. ⁶

1214. When a deputy has refused to install a brother said to have been elected, because he doubts the legality of his election, the Lodge may not call another Past Grand to install the rejected brother; any such installation is illegal and void. ⁷

1215. Grand Master or Lodge deputy only, while installing, may grant dispensation.—No dispensation may be granted by the installing officer, unless he is the Grand Master or Lodge Deputy Grand Master. He must limit himself to the definite duties of the installation. He may take a vote of the Lodge on any question incidental to the installation, as the election of an officer, the approval of a bond, etc. ⁸

¹ C., 347.

² C., 348.

³ C., 349.

⁴ C., 350.

⁵ S. J., 5282, 9630.

⁶ S. J., 5282, 5460, 5475, 5520, 5841, 5919, 5950.

⁷ S. J., 6351.

⁸ C., 353.

1216. No installing officer is entitled to compensation for installing in his own Lodge or town. ¹

1217. Cannot install by proxy.—An officer elected cannot be installed in office by proxy. ²

1218. Forms of S. G. L. must be used. Public installation.—The forms and ceremonies for the public installation of officers as prepared by the Sovereign Grand Lodge are accepted and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and the Subordinates of this jurisdiction are authorized, at their option, to make public all installations of officers in their several Lodges, in strict conformity with the requirements of such forms and ceremonies. The Grand Lodge of Illinois suggests to Lodges to hold one installation each year in public as a means of influence beneficial to the Order. ³

1219. Grand Bodies may authorize Subordinates to install.—Grand Bodies are authorized to confer upon their Subordinates the right to install their officers in public, provided that the ceremony be conducted by a P. G. duly authorized by the G. M., G. Officers or by a Lodge Deputy Grand Master, and provided that they use the form prescribed by the S. G. L. ⁴

1220. If any controversy arises between an elective Grand Officer and a Lodge Deputy Grand Master as to the one who shall conduct a public installation, the elective Grand Officer, being superior in rank, shall have precedence. ⁵

1221. Public installations should be held in the Lodge room, on the first regular meeting night of the term; but may be held in another hall in the immediate vicinity, and at another time, if thought advisable by the Lodge. They may be joint installations, the Lodge being legally convened. ⁶

1222. Public installations.—A Lodge should not “close in regular form” before a public installation, but “the ordinary ceremonies being suspended,” the doors are opened and the installation proceeds. After its completion, the Grand Officers retire; and then, all but members of the Order being excluded, the Lodge closes in form. If the installation takes place at a room other than the Lodge room, a recess should be declared and the Lodge should then proceed to the hall in which the ceremony is to take place; after the ceremony the Lodge should return to its Lodge room and close in form. If, however, a Lodge should close before installation, and then the Grand Master should proceed and install the officers, such installation,

¹ C., 354.

² S. J., 4240, 4414, 4430.

³ C., 356.

⁴ S. J., 2806, 2971, 14120, 14150.

⁵ S. J., 3031, 3083, 3113.

⁶ S. J., 14250, 14487, 14570.

though irregular, would not be void, and the installed officers would be the legal officers of the Lodge. ¹

1223. Lodge must be open in Third Degree.—The installation ceremony in a Subordinate Lodge, unless it be public, must always take place when the Lodge is open in the Third Degree. ²

1224. G. M. must see that officers are installed.—A Grand Master must see that the newly elected officers are duly installed. This he may do in person or by deputy. If the Lodge has no notice of his intention to attend and officiate, and he has not appointed a deputy for that purpose, any qualified brother (a Past Grand) may install. ³

1225. Officers on retiring should address the Chair.—When the officers at installation retire in charge of the Grand Marshal for examination, they should retire in form—that is, address the Chairs. ⁴

1226. A brother should be installed although charges are pending against him.—The fact that charges have been brought and are pending against a brother does not prevent him, if otherwise qualified, from being elected an officer of the Lodge and from being installed and officiating in that capacity ⁵

OPEN LODGE, QUORUM, BUSINESS, VOTING AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1227.—Meeting must be weekly. Five members make a quorum. Special meetings.

- " 1228.—Grand Lodge may authorize semi-monthly meetings.
- " 1229.—Business must be transacted in the Third Degree, each degree conferred when Lodge is opened in such degree.
- " 1230.—Meetings not to be held on Sunday.
- " 1231.—A Lodge may meet at any hour. May not open earlier than time fixed by By-Laws or call.
- " 1232.—A Lodge may change place of meeting.
- " 1233.—A Lodge may change its evening of meeting.
- " 1234.—Charter must be in Lodge room.
- " 1235.—Public alarm may not be used.
- " 1236.—If some accident or urgent alarm (as fire near at) should disperse Lodge meeting.
- " 1237.—Brother qualified must be admitted—must be in regalia.
- " 1238.—A motion to adjourn to a definite time is never in order.
- " 1239.—Quorum.
- " 1240.—Action at meetings without quorum illegal.
- " 1241.—A member may not be prohibited from leaving the Lodge at proper period.
- " 1242.—When a Lodge fails to be opened at its regular meeting by reason of the absence of officer.

¹ S. J., 6963, 6973.

⁴ S. J., 10716, 11368, 11396.

² S. J., 9856, 10105, 10176.

⁵ S. J., 9630, 9705.

³ S. J., 9855, 10105, 10176.

- SECTION 1243.—If a session be called in conformity with the law of the Lodge.
 “ 1244.—Action not illegal.
 “ 1245.—When N. G. assumes control.
 “ 1246.—Control of N. G. continues during entire session.
 “ 1247.—For law of decisions on points, etc.
 “ 1248.—A report is not properly before the Lodge until read in open Lodge.
 “ 1249.—Report may be written or oral.
 “ 1250.—Order of business may be changed to suit convenience.
 “ 1251.—A Lodge may transact business under the head of “Good of the Order.”
 “ 1252.—Consent to speak may be by majority vote or general consent.
 “ 1253.—Small attendance of members is no reason for setting aside legal action of Lodge.

1227. Meetings must be weekly. Five members make quorum. Special meetings.—A Subordinate Lodge must have at least five members, including one qualified to preside. It shall hold regular weekly meetings, except when specially allowed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Five members, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the N. G. on request of five members, or by order of the Lodge at a regular meeting, or at his own discretion.¹

1228. G. L. may authorize semi-monthly meetings.—A State Grand Lodge has power to authorize Subordinates under its jurisdiction to hold semi-monthly meetings, but twenty-four nights' service are necessary to complete a term in such case.²

1229. Business must be transacted in the Third Degree. Each degree conferred when Lodge is open in such degree.—All the business of the Subordinate Lodge shall be transacted when the Lodge is open in the Third Degree, or the Degree of Truth. The Lodge shall open in each degree for the purpose of conferring the degrees, and each degree shall be conferred when it is open in that degree.³

1230. Meetings not to be held on Sunday.—No Lodge, Encampment, Rebekah Lodge or Degree Lodge shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except for funeral purposes.⁴

1231. A Lodge may meet in the daytime, or at any time that suits its convenience, except on Sunday; but it may not open and transact business at an earlier time than that fixed by the By-Laws, or, in case of a special meeting, by the call.⁵

1232. A Lodge may change its place of meeting from one room to another in the same town or city, without a dispensation from the Grand Master.⁶

¹ See Secs. 289, 290, *supra*.

² S. J., 1444, 1492.

³ S. J., 8691, 8766.

⁴ S. J., 4834.

⁵ C., 970.

⁶ See Secs. 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046.

1233. A Lodge may change its evening of meeting upon reporting such change to the Grand Secretary, and referring the change of By-Law to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals for approval. ¹

1234. Charter must be in Lodge room.—The presence of the charter in the Lodge is necessary to the legality of the proceedings. The charter may be in the ante-room, which is for working purposes a part of the Lodge room. ²

1235. Public alarm may not be used.—It is contrary to usage and highly improper for any Subordinate Lodge to use any means of public alarm for the purpose of calling its members together. ³

1236. If some accident or urgent alarm, as a fire near at hand, should disperse a Lodge meeting without regular closing, the members should reassemble, if possible, and go on with their work. If this is not done, the Secretary should make full statement of the fact on his record. The next meeting should be held in the usual manner, taking up any unfinished business of the disturbed meeting. ⁴

1237. Brother qualified must be admitted, but must be in regalia.—If a brother makes application to enter the Lodge room in proper manner and time, he has a right, if correct, to be admitted. But no brother has a right to enter or remain in the Lodge room while the Lodge is in session, unless he be clothed in full in the regalia of his rank or station; and he may not speak or vote unless so clothed, provided the necessary regalia be furnished and at hand. A brother cannot be kept out of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge while the minutes of the preceding meeting are being read, if he can work his way into the Lodge. ⁵

1238. A motion to adjourn to a definite time is never in order.—A motion to adjourn *sine die* is always in order; if it is carried, the N. G. must at once proceed to close in due form, not calling through the regular order of business. The next meeting is not a continuation of an adjourned meeting, but is a regular meeting, unless a called meeting intervenes. ⁶

1239. Quorum.—Five members always constitute a quorum in a Subordinate Lodge, including one who is qualified to preside. The presence of a quorum is legally ascertained by calling the roll. Records should show a quorum present. A Lodge cannot be opened nor transact any business unless a quorum be present, and a member of the Lodge who is the Noble Grand or Vice Grand, or who is

¹ C., 971.

² C., 972, Ritual

³ C., 973.

⁴ C., 974.

⁵ S. J., 6350, 6619, 6692.

⁶ S. J., 5177, 5221.

a Past Grand, be present to take the principal chair.¹ It is not necessary to record the names of the brothers present who make up the quorum.²

A convenient form of opening records of a meeting is this :

Lodge met and was opened in due form, Bro. A., N. G. (or Bro. B., or Bro. C., V. G.) in the Chair, with Bros. L. M., O. P., Q. R., S. T., U. V., and others, a quorum of members present.

1240. Action at meeting without quorum illegal.—If a meeting is held with an apparent quorum present, but so many are disqualified to vote that there are less than five legal voters, all business done at such a meeting is illegal, and a brother taking a withdrawal card at it is still a member. Such business can be valid or made valid in a few cases only, in which the rights of third parties are involved. One of the cases where such action would become valid is that a withdrawal card so taken should be deposited in another Lodge, and the brother be received into membership; an error in granting the card would not invalidate his membership. An initiation at such meeting would not be void. It does not follow from the illegality of proceedings that they can be set aside; they may have drawn on some consequences that cannot be recalled, and must be validated.³

1241. A member may not be prohibited from leaving the Lodge at proper periods during the meeting, and the N. G. may not, by refusing the salutation, compel a brother to remain if he wishes to retire.⁴

1242. When a Lodge fails to be opened at its regular meeting, by reason of the absence of officers, it is competent for the brothers present to organize informally, note the absentees, adjourn, and notify the Lodge of the same at its next regular meeting; and this proceeding shall authorize the entering of fines against the delinquents, if the By-Laws enact fines for absence.⁵

1243. If a session be called in conformity with the law of a Lodge, any business transacted at that session in conformity with the call is in open Lodge. Cards granted at a special session are granted in open Lodge, in accordance with law.⁶

1244. Action not illegal.—On a regular meeting night, with a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair, and a Scarlet Degree member in the Vice Grand's chair, the two principal officers being absent, if the acting N. G. is obliged to vacate his chair temporarily, his Right Supporter takes it, and the proceedings of the Lodge are

¹ C., 978.

² Ill. J., VIII, 521.

³ C., 979; S. J., 8108, 8178.

⁴ C., 980.

⁵ C., 981.

⁶ C., 982.

legal, and its presiding officers are qualified to act, notwithstanding there may be no Past Grand present. ¹

1245. When the N. G. assumes control.—When the time for opening Lodge arrives, and the N. G. has assumed his station, he is from that moment in the exercise of official duties, and the Lodge is really in session; he should use the gavel in calling up the Lodge, and all present should obey it as readily in the opening ceremony as after the Lodge is declared opened. ²

1246. Control of N. G. continues during entire session.—While the Lodge is in session, from the time it is opened until it is regularly closed, it is under the control of the N. G. Should the Lodge resolve itself into a committee of the whole, it may appoint a chairman for the committee, who, however, will not be invested with the powers of the N. G.; but the N. G. retains a supervisory power over the Lodge, and may, upon good cause, dissolve the committee and resume the regular session. ³

1247. For the law of decisions on points of order and of appeals thereon, and of appeals from the Noble Grand during trials, see titles, Appeals, Offenses, Trials.

1248. A report is not properly before the Lodge until read in open Lodge, either by the Secretary or some brother, so that the Lodge may judge whether the report is germane to the question, and couched in proper language. The report is not in possession of the Lodge until placed there by vote of the Lodge, which vote, if carried, discharges the committee without further motion. The report of an investigating committee is not before the Lodge until it is read by the Secretary. Prior to the reading of such report, the name of the candidate may be withdrawn. ⁴

1249. Report may be written or oral.—If a report is written, it should be intelligible of itself, but the report of a visiting committee may be oral or written, or partly written and partly oral; it is sufficient if the Lodge accept it. ⁵

1250. Order of business may be changed to suit convenience.—The Subordinates conform to the order of business as laid down in the charge book, so far as it may be convenient so to do, but they may regulate such order of business to suit their particular necessities. ⁶

1251. A Lodge may transact business under the head of "Good of the Order." ⁷

¹ S. J., 1840, 1897, 1952.

² C., 984.

³ C., 985.

⁴ C., 987.

⁵ C., 988.

⁶ S. J., 1064, 5177, 5221.

⁷ C., 990.

1252. Consent to speak may be by majority vote or general consent.—It is not necessary to obtain the unanimous consent of a Lodge to give a visiting brother the right to speak in the Lodge; but permission may be given by a majority vote, as well as by general consent. ¹

1253. Small attendance of members is no reason for setting aside legal action of a Lodge. ²

RECORDS, VOTING AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1254.—The records of a Lodge must present an accurate transcript of real proceedings.

“ 1255.—Announcement of receipts should be recorded.

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“ 1260.—Records may be kept in foreign language; English translation may be demanded.

“ 1261.—A Lodge must keep its records in the language in which it works.

“ 1262.—Initiation makes a man an Odd Fellow.

“ 1263.—Member shall not vote when interested in result, penalty for.

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“ 1265.—Voting in Subordinate Lodges.

“ 1266.—In case of a tie vote, the question is not lost, N. G. decides.

“ 1267.—A reconsideration of a ballot is inadmissible, except in case of fraud or mistake.

“ 1268.—Vote may be taken again if disputed.

“ 1269.—All vacancies in committees are filled, how.

“ 1270.—Committees may not add to their number.

“ 1271.—A committee has no power to draw on Treasurer.

“ 1272.—Committees on matters of grievances or discipline.

“ 1273.—Attendance at committee meetings on Sunday not required.

“ 1274.—Committee may transact on Sunday only business of urgent necessity.

1254. The records of a Lodge must present an accurate transcript of the real proceedings, and no alteration which makes a false record is allowable. If the Lodge errs and afterward corrects itself, it must so appear in the records. The power to alter, amend or expunge any portion of the records simply extends to a correction of clerical errors, so that the Secretary may be set right when wrong; but in no case does it authorize a Lodge to put wrong for right, or falsehood for truth. It is the duty of the Secretary of a Lodge to record all the regular proceedings of a Lodge, whether they be legal or illegal. It is not in his province to judge of their legality. When a motion has been made, seconded and debated, and afterward withdrawn, both the motion and the withdrawal should appear upon the minutes. ³ The roll call book is not a part of the records; it is a

¹ C., 991.

² C., 992.

³ C., 993.

mere convenience for the Secretary. The absence of an officer must appear in the regular and approved minutes of the evening, else it is not matter of record. ¹

1255. Announcements of receipts should be recorded.—The announcement of the receipts of the evening is a part of the transactions of the evening, and should appear on the Secretary's record. ²

1256. G. L. may not compel Subordinate to change record.—A Subordinate cannot be compelled by a Grand Lodge to mutilate or change the records of its proceedings. ³

1257. Lodge may compose its minutes.—When minutes of a meeting come up for consideration, if the record made by the Secretary is not satisfactory, the Lodge can order any statement of facts entered upon the record, and such order is legal and valid. ⁴

1258. Records may be amended at any time. How amendments should be made.—The proper time for amending or altering records is at the meeting at which they were made, or at the next succeeding meeting, when before the Lodge for approval. But if at any time afterward it is found that the record is incorrect by omission or otherwise, the Lodge may amend it, but not the Secretary; his power over the record ended with the approval of it. In such case the original record should not be altered by erasure, interlineation, or the like. The fact that an amendment has been made should be noted back on the original record; but the substance of the alteration and the circumstances of its being made should appear in full in the records of the meeting at which it was made, and there only. The practice of erasing, interlining, etc., to correct a record, is fundamentally wrong. ⁵

1259. Records should be in Lodge room at every meeting.—The Secretary should have the records present at every meeting; and should not, unless there is some great necessity for doing so, ever take them out of the Lodge room. ⁶

1260. Records may be kept in foreign languages. English translation may be demanded.—Grand Lodges may authorize their Subordinates doing business in a foreign language to keep their minutes in such language and to dispense with an English copy thereof. But such Grand Lodges, or their Executive Officers having jurisdiction of such Subordinates, may compel such Lodges to furnish extracts from their minutes translated into English whenever they shall require it. ⁷

¹ C., 993; III. J., VIII, 410.

² C., 994.

³ S. J., 782.

⁴ C., 996.

⁵ C., 997.

⁶ C., 998.

⁷ S. J., 2114, 2131.

1261. A Lodge must keep its records in the language in which it works. ¹

1262. Initiation makes a man an Odd Fellow, entitled to the advantages and benefits of membership, except those that depend upon grade and rank, and also except pecuniary benefits. As soon as he has received the Third Degree, the initiate has the right to a voice and a vote, if otherwise qualified, in all proceedings; he may propose as well as vote for a candidate. ²

1263. No member or members of any Subordinate Lodge shall vote upon any question in which he or they may be interested, or in which he or they intend to become interested by reason of his or their connection or intended connection with any Lodge of this Order, then existing or about to exist, or with any other organization. And should a member or members so vote, he or they shall upon the discovery and proof of the fact, be considered guilty of unbecoming conduct, for which he may be suspended from the Order. And the Lodge in which the offense was committed may, in case said member has joined some other Lodge of this Order, institute charges for said offense in said other jurisdiction, with the right to appeal from its decision should the brother be acquitted of the charge. ³

1264. Every qualified brother present in a Lodge is obliged to vote on all questions unless excused by the Lodge. ⁴ But a directly interested member may not vote; for example, an accused member may not vote on questions arising in his trial. ⁵

1265. All voting in Subordinate Lodges is done by the voting sign, unless otherwise provided. The exception includes (1) all ballots, by balls or in elections; (2) occasions when the yeas and nays are ordered; (3) rising vote on obituary resolutions, etc.; (4) all votes taken in the Lodge when open in any other than the Third Degree. ⁶

1266. In case of a tie vote the question is not lost; the N. G. should give the casting vote. ⁷

1267. A reconsideration of a ballot is inadmissible, except in case of fraud or mistake.

1268. Vote may be taken again if disputed.—If the accuracy of the count of a vote by the tellers is disputed (which is allowable), the vote should be taken again, if the objection be made at once, before the declaration is concurred in at all; and even if only the

¹ C., 1000.

² C., 1001.

³ S. J., 5776, 5785.

⁴ S. J., 4992, 5194, 5245.

⁵ C., 1004.

⁶ C., 1005; S. J., 4993, 5185, 5222, 8533, 8701.

⁷ Sub. C., Art. III, Sec. 3.

⁸ S. J., 2403, 2481, 2503, Secs. 1732, 1733, *infra*.

count of the negative is disputed, both sides of the vote should be taken again at the next trial. ¹

1269. All vacancies in committees are filled in the manner of the original selection and at regular meetings of the Lodge. ²

1270. Committees may not add to their number.—Committees duly appointed by the Lodge, or under its authority, may not, without permission given by the Lodge, add to the number of their members, nor assign their duties to others. An absent member may be appointed on a committee, in the discretion of the Lodge, but cannot be considered derelict if he fails to attend to its duties and declines. ³

1271. A committee has no power to draw on the Treasurer of a Lodge for money.

1272. Committees on matters of grievance or discipline, and committees for the examination of visitors, must always be special committees; and they must not be made standing committees by the By-Laws of the Lodge. ⁵

1273. Attendance at committee meetings on Sunday not required.—Lodges are forbidden to meet for the transaction of business on Sunday. Committees of Lodges, if they shall choose to adopt for themselves another rule, in violation of law, cannot oblige the members thereof to attend, in violation of their conscientious scruples, and a Lodge has no right to require attendance of its officers or members at such meetings, or to inflict a penalty for such non-attendance. ⁶

1274. Committees may transact on Sunday only business of urgent necessity.—Committees of a Lodge may not transact any business of a secular nature on Sunday, except upon the most urgent necessity. ⁷

PASSWORDS.

SECTION 1275.—Passwords not to be translated.

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“ 1283.—The T. P. W. is to be given, when.

¹ C., 1008.

² C., 1009.

³ C., 1010.

⁴ C., 1011.

⁵ C., 1012.

⁶ S. J., 6329.

⁷ C., 1014.

SECTION 1284.—Installing officer gives the P. W.

“ 1285.—State Grand Officers must give P. W.

“ 1286.—The A. T. P. W. is designed for visitation.

“ 1287.—If a brother applying for a visiting or final card be absent.

“ 1288.—Any Noble Grand receiving an order for P. W. gives it

“ 1289.—The annual traveling password.

“ 1290.—If members forget A. T. P. W.

“ 1291.—The A. T. P. W. should be communicated by the Grand Representative.

“ 1292.—Any brother who has retired and wishes to re-enter.

“ 1293.—A. T. P. W. or substitute to be communicated.

1275. Passwords not to be translated.—The signs, grips and passwords of the Order are designed to speak one universal language to the initiated of every nationality the world over. Therefore the annual and permanent passwords of the degrees are not to be translated into any other language, or spoken other than as they are written, spelled and pronounced in the English language. The different nations must learn to give them the one universal sound as nearly as possible, so that the sound of the word will be as familiar to the ear as the signs are to the eye, or the grip to the touch of the hand; to the end that an Odd Fellow of any country may be known and recognized in any part of the habitable globe as a brother. The language used in describing and explaining the use, meaning and manner of performing the signs, grips, etc., may be in the tongue of the peoples in which the Lodges are working.¹

1276. The following passwords are in use in the Order, viz.:

(1.) The Degree P. W.'s, which are never changed.

(2.) The term P. W., which is given by each Grand Body to its Subordinates, differs in the several jurisdictions. It is changed semi-annually, or otherwise, as the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction may direct, which may use a quarterly P. W., and when a Grand Lodge changes the term of its Subordinates from six months to one year, the term P. W. issued by the Grand Master lasts during the year, unless his Grand Lodge determines to have two or more passwords for the term.

(3.) The Annual Traveling P. W. given by the Grand Sire, current for one year, beginning January 1st, for the use of brothers who have cards or official certificates.

(4.) The Annual P. W. of the degree of Rebekah, given by the Grand Sire for each year, and communicated to every unsuspended male or female of that degree.

(5.) The Rebekah S. A. P. W., which is used in the Rebekah Lodge only, and is given by the Grand Master of the jurisdiction, or, if authorized, by the President of the Rebekah Assembly.²

¹ S. J., 7532, 7759, 7831.

² C., 824; U. S. Digest of 1847, p. 35; S. J., 8166, 8182, 8209, 8337, 8440.

1277. The passwords are to be used (subject to the instructions given in the secret work and in conferring degrees) at any time or place, to prove whether a brother is what he represents himself to be. ¹

1278. Not entitled to term password.—A member of a Subordinate Lodge who is in arrears for dues more than thirteen weeks is not entitled to the term password. ² The S. G. L. has never enacted any general law disqualifying a member who is so much in arrears for dues as to prevent him from receiving benefits or from also receiving the semi-annual password. If a member of Lodge A., before installation in his own Lodge, seeks to visit Lodge B., which has had installation and has the new term password in use, he cannot be admitted to Lodge B. on the old term P. W. ³

1279. No brother is permitted to vouch for the good standing of another to obtain admittance for him, except as provided for introduction of foreign brothers by Grand Officers. ⁴

1280. To whom and how P. W. may be given.—The Grand Master and his deputies can legally give the passwords only in the discharge of their official duties, and only to the presiding officers ⁵ or at the request of the presiding officer, and in no case without the legal qualification. ⁶

1281. Power of N. G. as to giving P. W.—To members of Lodges the N. G. alone, or in his absence the V. G., is authorized to communicate the term P. W., or cause it to be communicated, by the Warden or other member. The N. G. of one Lodge may give the term P. W. to a member of another Lodge upon the written request of the N. G. of the Lodge to which the brother belongs, under its seal. ⁷

1282. Supporter of N. G. may not authorize.—The supporter of the N. G. temporarily occupying the N. G.'s chair has no right to authorize a brother to confer the term word upon another brother. ⁸

1283. At the beginning of each new term, in the event that for any cause the N. G. or V. G.-elect shall not be installed on installation night, the Lodge Deputy shall communicate the current term password to the sitting N. G. and V. G., to be given to all brothers entitled thereto. The term P. W. is to be given when required by the proper officer, but not in the form of question and reply. ⁹

¹ C., 825.

² S. J., 7505.

³ S. J., 5502, 5545.

⁴ C., 828.

⁵ N. G. and V. G., Sec. 834.

⁶ C., 829.

⁷ Ritual, S. J., 6350, 6619, 6692, 9160.

⁸ S. J., 4240, 4414, 4430.

⁹ C., 832; Ill. J., IX, 1006.

1284. Installing officer gives password.—Past Grands deputized to officiate as Grand Officers at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and such other members of a Grand Lodge as may assemble to aid in those ceremonies, are required, before entering the ante-room, to give the same password that is demanded of other brothers; but after the Lodge has been duly informed by the Grand Marshal of the presence in the ante-room of the installing officers, no password should be required of them at the inner door. ¹

1285. State Grand Officers must give P. W.—The Grand Officers of State Grand Lodges, when visiting Subordinate Lodges under their own jurisdiction, should give at the outside door the same password that is required of other brothers. ²

1286. The A. T. P. W. is designed primarily for the use of brethren who are traveling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong, but may also be used in the jurisdiction to which brothers belong who have received it in good faith for said primary purpose; and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to confer or to receive it. The Grand Master of a State and his regular deputy, should, of course, also be in possession of it. ³ None other than members who are placed in some of the positions above mentioned are entitled to receive it. Past Grands, as such, are not entitled to it more than others; the holder of a dismissal certificate is not entitled to it. ⁴

1287. If a brother applying for a visiting or final card be absent from the location of his Lodge, so that he cannot obtain the A. T. P. W. with his card in person, it is the duty of the proper officers, upon the granting of such card, to transmit the same to the brother, and also send therewith a letter in the following form, to-wit:

.....Lodge, No....
, State of.....,
day of....., 18....

To the Noble Grand of any Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The bearer, Brother....., holding a legal card from this....., dated this.....day of....., 18...., for the period of.....months, is entitled to the A. T. P. W. for the current year, which please communicate to him after due examination, whereupon you will retain or destroy this letter. ⁵

[SEAL.]

.....N. G.

Attest:Secretary.

¹ S. J., 1840, 1897, 1952.

² S. J., 1992, 2114, 2170.

³ S. By-Laws, Art. XXV; S. J., 664.

⁴ Code, Sec. 834; S. J., 802; S. By-Laws, Art. XIV.

⁵ S. J., 3560, 3561.

1288. Any Noble Grand receiving an order for the term P. W. must give the same. The order for the A. T. P. W. must be given to the officers as a matter of course, and without a vote of the Lodge. ¹

1289. The annual traveling password, which a brother is required to prove himself in possession of when he offers to visit a Subordinate on a visiting or unexpired withdrawal card or official receipt, or is an applicant for membership therein by deposit of a proper card, is the A. T. P. W. of the year in which the card was issued and bears date.² It should be given him on the certificate of the chief officer of his own Lodge. Grand Officers can impart it only in the line of official duty; even the Grand Sire has no right to authorize a Grand Master to communicate the A. T. P. W. to the holder of a withdrawal card to enable him to visit. ³

1290. If member forgets A. T. P. W.—When a withdrawal card has been granted to a member, and the recipient forgets the A. T. P. W., the N. G. of the Lodge from which the brother withdrew has authority again to communicate the A. T. P. W. on the presentation of the card within one year from the date of its issue, and it is his duty so to do, or if absent to transmit an order for the same. ⁴

1291. The A. T. P. W. should be communicated by the Grand Representative to the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction, who will communicate it to the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe, and cause it to be communicated to the Lodge deputies and such other installing officers as he may find it necessary to appoint to assist him in the discharge of his official duties.⁵

1292. A visiting card can be used in the jurisdiction in which it is issued, and the brother holding it may be admitted on it and the A. T. P. W. though he be without the term P. W. of his jurisdiction. ⁶

1293. The A. T. P. W., or such substitute as may be provided by law therefor, is to be communicated to every member when paying his dues and receiving his certificate. ⁷

¹ C., 837.

² S. J., 3876, 3953, 3988.

³ S. J., 1251, 3513, 3558, 3587; U. S. Digest of 1847, p. 34.

⁴ S. J., 6559, 6591.

⁵ S. J., 7173, 7361, 7450.

⁶ S. J., 14683, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14953, 15067.

TERMS, RETURNS AND REPORTS.

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- " 1303.—Grand Secretary to prescribe forms, annual and semi-annual returns. Printed instructions are laws to govern.
- " 1304.—Principal instructions relating to making reports.

1294. The semi-annual terms.—Each year is divided into two terms of six months each, including twenty-six nights of meeting. If a Lodge should be allowed to meet semi-monthly, its term would have to be extended to a year. State Grand Bodies may make the term of office in their Subordinates one year in their discretion. Terms commence on the first meeting in April and October. Every term continues until a new one begins; hence terms do not end with the last meetings in March and September. The terms may begin on the first meetings in January and July. ¹

1295. Terms commence.—Semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in April and October; the annual term, on the first regular meeting in April. ²

1296. A Lodge beginning to work when less than fourteen weeks of the regular term remain cannot count such remaining portion as a term, but must join it to the next full term. ³

1297. Semi-annual and annual reports.—It shall be the duty of the retiring officers, at the close of each semi-annual term, to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a full report of the work of the term, upon the blank forms furnished from the office of the Grand Secretary, and in conformity with the instructions of that officer, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge; and at the close of each annual term, in like manner, the annual report of membership. ⁴

1298. Financial statement.—The Grand Secretary is directed to prepare and forward duplicate blanks, of form annexed, to each Subordinate Lodge, and it is the duty of the Secretary of each Lodge to make out and forward to the Grand Secretary, with the annual

¹ S. J., 6276, 8067, 8172; Sub. C., Art. XI, Sec. 1; S. J., 900, 1492, 1512. See S. J., 11743, 11790.

² Sub. C., Art. XI, Sec. 1.

³ S. J., 11743, 11790.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. XI, Sec. 2.

returns, a correct and detailed report of the financial condition of his Lodge upon one of the blank forms so furnished.

FORMS FOR RETURNS OF FISCAL STATISTICS.

Receipts of the 12 months.

1. From fees for initiations, admission by card, reinstatement and degrees.....	\$
2. From dues.....	.....
3. From interest and rents.....	.....
4. From all other sources (but do not count the principal of notes, bonds and stocks collected or sold).....	.....
5. Total receipts.....	<u>.....</u>

Expenditures of the 12 months.

6. Paid for benefits, funeral expenses and charities..	\$
7. Paid for hall rent, fuel, lights, janitor and other services.....	.....
8. Paid for Lodge furniture, regalia, emblems, jewels, etc.....	.....
9. Paid for all other expenses (money loaned or invested is not to be counted).....	<u>.....</u>
10. Total expenditures.....	<u>.....</u>

Assets of the Lodge.

11. Amount of invested funds, notes, bonds, stocks, etc.	\$
12. Amount of cash in treasury.....	.....
13. Cash assets (add items 11 and 12 to obtain this)....	.....
14. Amount of balance due Lodge on account of members.....	.....
15. Estimated value of chattel property, furniture, regalia, jewels, emblems, also buildings, if Lodge does not own ground on which they stand.....	.....
16. Estimated value of real estate (including buildings thereon, if any).....	.....
17. Total assets (add items 13, 14, 15 and 16 to obtain this).....	.....
18. Less indebtedness of Lodge (including advance payments from members and liabilities of all kinds.....	<u>.....</u>
19. Net assets, or actual worth of the Lodge. ¹	<u>.....</u>

1299. Secretary may not alter report.—After a Lodge has approved the semi-annual or annual reports to the Grand Lodge, the Secretary has no right to make any alteration without special authority from the Lodge, except to correct a palpable clerical error. ²

1300. A presiding or sitting Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge has no right to sign an annual or semi-annual report returning himself as a Past Grand. The return is to be made of the proceedings of the term then expiring and must be signed by the officers in the capacity they then fill. In a separate schedule a return is made

¹ C., 1032.

² C., 1033.

of the officers-elect. The latter cannot be installed until such return has been dispatched, and until this is done the officer signing the return is Noble Grand and not Past Grand. ¹

1301. Treasurer's report should be examined by Finance Committee of his term.—The report of the Treasurer at the close of his term should be examined by the Finance Committee of his term, and before the first meeting of the new term. ²

1302. All term reports which may be made to Grand Bodies by their Subordinates shall contain, in their own handwriting, the signatures of the (incoming) elective officers thereof, and shall be carefully preserved by the Grand Scribe and Grand Secretaries. ³ The reports of the Subordinates should be signed by the officers on the evening when the reports are presented for approval, prior to the installation, whether they are the regular or the *pro-tem.* officers. ⁴

1303. The Grand Secretary was authorized to prescribe the form for annual and semi-annual returns for Subordinates to the Grand Lodge, and the printed instructions accompanying the blank forms are laws to govern the making up of the reports. The reports must be on the blanks furnished by him, and according to instructions. ⁵

1304. Principal instructions relating to making reports.—The following are the principal points in the Grand Secretary's instructions on making reports :

CLAUSE 1. Each Lodge must preserve a duplicate of its reports for reference, which must be, like the report, sent to the Grand Secretary, in all respects, and must be recorded in the register required to be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

CLAUSE 2. The semi-annual reports should be made out after the close of the last meetings in March and September, so as to be ready for approval by the Lodge at the first meetings in April and October.

CLAUSE 3. The annual report should be made out to accompany the April semi-annual reports, and should be made out by the Permanent Secretary, if there is such officer in the Lodge; if not, by the Recording Secretary.

CLAUSE 4. Names, and not mere numbers, should be given throughout the report, except in the summaries. This is very important.

CLAUSE 5. In giving reasons for suspension or expulsion, the real cause must be given; namely, a brief statement of the charges on

¹ S. J., 3209, 3243.

² C., 1035.

³ S. J., 3478.

⁴ C., 1037.

⁵ C., 1038.

which the brother was found guilty. It is not sufficient to say "for conduct unbecoming," or the like. In cases of expulsion for contempt, the nature of the charge or charges is to be stated.

CLAUSE 6. In the annual report every person is to be listed who was a member of the Lodge at the close of the last meeting in March, according to his rank at that time; if he has taken several degrees during the term, he is listed only under the highest.

CLAUSE 7. The reports of a Lodge should be forwarded immediately after approval by the Lodge, and in time to reach the Grand Secretary during the first month of the new term. The date of mailing the report must be entered in the proper blank on the back of it, and on the envelope, if one with blank for that purpose be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

CLAUSE 8. Reports are not to be delayed for installation, or for other signatures than those of officers who occupy the chairs when they are approved, or for any other reason that may delay their reaching the Grand Secretary in April or October. They may be sent without funds rather than be delayed. They are to be shown to the installing officer; but if the installing officer is not at the Lodge at the first meeting of the term, the reports are to be sent and the sending certified to him.

CLAUSE 9. Capitation Tax, according to the law in Secs. 262, 576, must be sent with each report, or in separate letter before or after, if not at hand when the report is sent. The persons on whom tax is paid are described in the printed forms, with fuller explanation in the Grand Secretary's instructions. When two Lodges consolidate, the Grand Lodge dues must be paid on all members of either Lodge in good standing, unless after such consolidation, and before such dues are payable, members are regularly dropped for non-payment of dues.

CLAUSE 10. The Lodge must pay the expense of sending its reports; if sent by express unpaid, the cost is charged to the Lodge.¹

JOURNALS AND SUPPLIES.

SECTION 1305.—Distribution of Journal.

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¹ C., 1039.

SECTION 1313.—Grand Secretaries are prohibited from delivering or transmitting visiting or withdrawal cards.

" 1314.—All new Lodges are furnished without charge.

" 1315.—A Lodge that works in two languages may have two sets of rituals.

" 1316.—Publication and circulation of charts.

" 1317.—Illegal use of charts.

1305. For authority and distributon of Journals, see Sections 13, 14, *supra*.

1306. Supplies.—By the term supplies is meant the cards,¹ lectures, charges, diplomas, odes,² and the written³ work of the Order, etc. The S. G. L. does not permit a State Grand Body to publish books of installation or any part thereof.⁴ All diplomas, certificates or cards not issued by the authority of the S. G. L. which have been signed by any officer of a Grand or a Subordinate Body are null and void,⁵ but this shall not apply to certificates signed by Grand Officers of State Jurisdictions to members of defunct Lodges and Encampments.⁶

1307. Officers of State or Subordinate Bodies may not sign certificates, etc., unless issued by S. G. L.—All State Grand Officers and officers of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are prohibited from signing any diploma, certificate or card not issued by the authority of the S. G. L. to brothers of the Order and properly authenticated by the Grand Secretary of the S. G. L., written or engraved on the margin thereof.⁷

1308. The following articles are kept at the office of the Grand Secretary for sale:

Visiting Cards, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge.....	
Withdrawal Cards, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge.....	
Dismissal Certificates, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge.....	
Odes, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge.....	
Odes, Anniversary.....	
Funeral Hymns and Responses.....	
Odes with Music, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge.....	
Book of Odes—both Sub. and Reb. Lodge, with Music.....	
Diplomas.....	
Diplomas for Ladies, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	
Book of Forms.....	
Rituals, Subordinate Lodge.....	
Rituals, Rebekah Lodge.....	
Anniversary Ceremony.....	
Funeral Ceremony, Subordinate Lodge.....	
Funeral Ceremony, Rebekah Lodge.....	
Journal, Sov. G. L., I. O. O. F., Vols. I to XVI inclusive.....	
Journal, G. L. of Illinois, Sessions of 1881 to 1893.....	
Journal, G. L. of Illinois, Sessions of 1894, 1895 and 1896.....	

¹ S. J., 679.

² S. J., 4808.

³ S. J., 1121.

⁴ S. J., 588.

⁵ S. J., 3135.

⁶ S. J., 3248, 3267, 3088, 3113.

⁷ S. J., 3135.

Books of Petitions for Membership, Sub. or Reb., 100 Petitions...
 Question Book, 150 Sets of Questions.....
 Degree Charts.....
 Digests, Sov. Grand Lodge, to 1895.....
 Illinois Code of 1896, Thornton.....
 Floor Work for Subordinate or Rebekah Lodges.....
 Installation Floor Work for Rebekah Lodges.....
 Veteran Jewels (25 years' continuous membership).....
 Rebekah Veteran Jewels (15 years' continuous membership).....
 Honorable Veteran Jewels (50 years' continuous membership)...

1309. Of the articles mentioned in the preceding section.--

The Journals of the G. L. of Illinois and of the Sov. G. L., I. O. O. F., Digests, Codes, Book of Forms, Book of Odes, Anniversary and Funeral Ceremonies are sold to individuals; the other articles must be ordered for Lodges, under seal, with payment accompanying the order.

1310. Each Subordinate may have not to exceed four charge and degree books.¹

1311. Diplomas are delivered to the several State Grand Lodges, signed by the Secretary of the S. G. L., and when delivered to members of the Order, they receive the signature of the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge to which the recipient belongs.² Diplomas can be granted only by vote of Grand or Subordinate Bodies.³

1312. The Grand Lodge of Illinois has published a handsome engraved charter plate, which the Grand Secretary is authorized to sell to other jurisdictions. The price of impressions of the charter plate is fixed at one dollar and fifty cents; and of impressions of the border only, at one dollar.⁴

1313. Grand Secretaries are prohibited from delivering or transmitting visiting or withdrawal cards to any person whatever or to any Lodge, excepting upon the order in writing of a Lodge, signed by its Secretary and authenticated by the official seal of the Lodge;⁵ *Provided*, however, that supplies may be delivered to duly accredited representatives while in attendance at the sessions of Grand Bodies.⁶

1314. All new Lodges are furnished without charge therefor with the following: two rituals; twelve visiting cards; six withdrawal cards; eighteen odes.⁷

1315. A Lodge that worked in two languages had formerly two sets of rituals, one set in each language.⁸

¹ S. J., 8701, 8767.

² S. J., 800.

³ C., 574, 1127.

⁴ C., 1048.

⁵ S. J., 3478.

⁶ S. J., 5197.

⁷ C., 1050.

⁸ C., 1051; S. J., 3513, 3558, 3587.

1316. Publication and circulation of charts.—The S. G. L. does not desire to prohibit the publication and circulation of charts not published by the S. G. L., so long as they contain no certificate or form requiring the signature of an officer of any Lodge or Encampment, Grand or Subordinate. ¹ All forms, whether of chart, certificate, diploma or kindred forms published by the S. G. L., are exclusively the property of said Body, designed by it and necessary to its welfare and prosperity. No one else may publish any of them. ²

1317. Illegal use of charts.—The use by Lodges of charts, etc., containing figures, emblems and mottoes not found among the recognized and legitimate symbols of the Order is so clearly in conflict with our organic law that it constitutes a willful breach of the law. ³

REGALIA, JEWELS, EMBLEMS AND FLAGS.

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 - “ 1345.—An Encampment member can wear his Encampment regalia.

¹ S. J., 8840, 8459.

³ S. J., 7760, 7832.

² S. J., 8117, 8179.

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 “ 1350.—Suspension for cause terminates “good standing.”
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 “ 1352.—Not entitled to the Veteran Jewel.
 “ 1353.—Holding live withdrawal card.
 “ 1354.—Whenever it can be certified.

1318. Regalia as prescribed.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to-wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First Degree, pink; Second Degree, blue; Third Degree, scarlet; Initiatory Degree, a plain, white collar. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple may be worn on the collar, either in connection with the other colors, or as a separate rosette.

The N. G., Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar, trimmed with white or silver; the V. G. a blue collar trimmed in like manner. Supporters of the N. G. and V. G. shall wear sashes of the color (of the regalia) of those officers respectively: Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, scarlet sash; Inside Guardian, scarlet sash.

The position of each officer shall be indicated by the jewel of the office.

The above shall apply to all Lodges that may be hereafter instituted, and to all Lodges that shall hereafter procure new regalia. ¹

1319. Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes trimmed with white. The collar and sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having obtained the Royal Purple Degree may have trimming of yellow metal. ²

1320. The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined. ³

1321. The regalia for a Past Grand, who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may, in lieu of any other regalia to which he may be entitled, be a scarlet collar trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a-half inches wide, with a roll of purple two inches wide, trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links. The above described regalia may be worn by a brother who has passed the chairs in a Lodge and in an Encampment, in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge, or any Grand or Subor-

¹ S. By-Laws, Art. XXII, Sec. J
 S. J., 8763. See Sec. 1329, *infra*.

² S. By-Laws, Art. XXII, Sec. 2.

³ S. By-Laws, Art. XXII, Sec. 3.

dinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings, and the roll of purple velvet with yellow metal trimmings.

1321 a. At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn of the color of the highest degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear; *Provided*, that Grand Bodies may adopt a badge of uniform size and design, the color to conform with existing regulations. ¹

1321 b. Badge or jewel of members of G. L. of Illinois.—The badge or jewel adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge has been adopted as the legal badge for the representatives and Past Grands while in attendance at sessions of the Grand Lodge, and brothers wearing the said badge are entitled to the same rights and privileges as though they were clothed with the regulation regalia of the Order. ²

1322. Jewels.—The jewel for a P. G. is a five-pointed star; for an N. G., crossed gavels; for a V. G., hour-glass; for a Secretary, crossed pens; for Permanent Secretary, crossed key and pen; for a Treasurer, crossed keys; for a Warden, crossed axes; for a Conductor, crossed wands; for a Guardian, crossed swords; all to be made of white metal. ³ A Past Grand who has the R. P. Degree may wear a jewel of yellow metal. ⁴

1323. The jewels for other appointed officers are as follows: A wand, with branching arms, connected by three links, and encompassing an emblem; for Supporters of N. G. the emblem is a gavel; for Supporters of V. G., an hour-glass; for Scene Supporters, a lighted torch; and for Chaplain, a Bible. These are of white metal, each three and one-half inches in length. ⁵

1324. The jewel for a Past Grand Master is the sun, with hand and heart; for a Grand Master, the sun, with the scales of justice impressed or engraved thereon; for a Deputy Grand Master, a half-moon; for a Grand Warden, crossed gavels; for a Grand Secretary, crossed pens; for a Grand Treasurer, crossed keys; for a Grand Conductor, Roman sword; for a Grand Guardian, crossed swords; for a Grand Marshal, a baton; all of the said jewels to be of white metal. ⁶

1325. The regalia for a Grand Representative consists of a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal,

¹ S. By-Laws, Art. XXII, Sec. 11;
S. J., 14544, 14568.

² Ill. J., 1895, 235.

³ U. S. Digest, 1847, pp. 28 and 29.

⁴ S. J., 6351, 6619, 6692.

⁵ C., 921.

⁶ U. S. Digest, 1847, p. 29.

and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear. Past Grand Representatives and the officers and past officers of the S. G. L. of the United States wear the same regalia as Grand Representatives. The jewel of a Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative is a medal, three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, having on one side the coat of arms of his State, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver. ¹

1326. The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sire shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver. ²

1327. The Grand Lodge of Illinois provides regalia at its sessions for its officers only; every unofficial member must furnish regalia for himself. ³

1328. The following uniform parade dress may be worn by Subordinate Lodges when in public procession:

CLAUSE 1. The style of hat or cap and dress shall be left to the jurisdiction of the individual Subordinate Lodges; *Provided*, that in each case strict uniformity shall be enjoined and observed.

CLAUSE 2. Plain white gloves only shall be worn.

CLAUSE 3. A jewel collar, two and one-half inches wide (no more nor less) at the widest part, uniting in a point in front, made of light blue silk, Italian cloth or other material (excepting velvet, which shall not be used), edged with silver lace or braid, one-fourth of an inch wide, and without embroidery or other ornamentation of any kind whatever.

CLAUSE 4. A medal, to be suspended from the collar, of white metal, one and three-fourths inches in diameter, having on the obverse side, in raised work, the All-Seeing Eye, encircled by rays of light; and on the reverse, also in raised work, the three links of the Order, surrounded by the legend: "In God We Trust. Friendship, Love and Truth."

Officers and Past Officers may wear instead thereof, or in addition thereto, such jewel or jewels of the Order as they may be entitled to wear elsewhere, in conformity with the existing regulations. ⁴

1329. Regalia of highest rank attained.—Past Officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment Degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, and when attending the meetings of the

¹ S. By-Laws, Art. XXII, Secs. 6, 7, 9.

³ C., 924.

² S. By-Laws, Art. XXII, Sec. 8.

⁴ S. J., 7790.

Lodge of which they are members, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degree which they may have taken. ¹

1330. Members of a Grand Lodge who have received the Royal Purple Degree may wear on their regalia in Grand Lodge the colors of the Encampment, black, gold or purple. ²

1331. Proper regalia and jewels must be furnished and worn.—All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are required to furnish their officers with the jewels appertaining to their rank and station. ³ Jewels must be worn by the officers during the transaction of business. ⁴ A jewel wrought in the regalia does not fulfill the requirement of the law. ⁵ While these bodies are in session their members are required to be clothed in suitable regalia, which is the same for all meetings of a Lodge. Suitable regalia means that which pertains to the office which a member fills; or, if he is not filling an official station, then the regalia showing his highest degree or past official rank in the Order. ⁶

1332. What regalia should be worn.—A brother occupying, either permanently or temporarily, a subordinate station in a Lodge, should wear the regalia of the office he thus occupies. Thus, if a Past Grand occupies the V. G.'s chair, he should wear the blue regalia of that office exactly as a V. G. when acting as N. G., he should wear the scarlet regalia of that chair. But a brother would not be justified in refusing to give the password to a Past Grand acting temporarily as Warden, who had not assumed the proper regalia of that chair.

If the presiding officer of the Lodge recognized him as the Warden, and gave him orders accordingly, the brethren of the Lodge should follow his example by acknowledging his authority in that office. If they desired to question his right to act while improperly clothed, they should raise the objection in some other way than by refusing to give him the password. ⁷ It is not necessary, however, that an officer should be clothed in the regalia of his office, and also in his working regalia during initiation. ⁸ When a candidate enters the hall to receive a degree he should appear without regalia, except when entering for the Rebekah Degree. ⁹

1333. Regalia of one office only may be worn at one time.—A brother filling a station temporarily and wearing its regalia may not wear any other; he must not wear two regalias at once. A

¹ S. By-Laws, Art. XXIV; S. J., 8993, 9095.

² C., 927. See Secs. 1318, 1319, 1321, *supra*.

³ S. J., 1290.

⁴ S. J., 4431.

⁵ S. J., 5804, 5945, 5953.

⁶ S. J., 1290, 4431, 5804.

⁷ S. J., 2175.

⁸ S. J., 7759, 7832.

⁹ S. J., 10133, 10179.

Lodge may not require members to furnish themselves with regalia; it is specially required to furnish officers' regalia. ¹

1334. Brothers must be clothed in regalia.—No brother is entitled to enter or leave the Lodge room unless clothed in regalia. If an officer, and his regalia be in his chair in the Lodge room, he must enter in scarlet regalia, if of that degree, and there exchange it for his official regalia. ²

1335. A Lodge cannot require a Junior Past Grand upon ordinary occasions to wear other regalia than that usually worn by Past Grands, nor can it deprive him of any of his rights or privileges in the Lodge room for refusing to do so. ³

1336. Subordinate Lodges are forbidden to appear in public in procession or in public display with regalia, except upon occasions distinctly authorized by the Grand Lodge, or by dispensation from proper authority. But the funeral of a brother is an occasion not requiring special permission. ⁴

1337. Regalia may be worn at funerals.—In Illinois, each Lodge is allowed, in attending the funeral of a deceased brother, to wear such regalia known to the Order as it may deem just and proper. ⁵

1338. Regalia of highest rank may be worn.—At the funeral of a Lodge member who has not attained the Patriarchal Degree, each member is entitled to wear the regalia of the highest rank he has attained in the Lodge. ⁶

1339. The regalia to be worn by all brothers when attending the funeral of a deceased brother is as follows: A black crape rosette having a center of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an elective or past officer) the jewel or jewels which, as such, he may be entitled to wear. ⁷ Instead of, or in connection with, the above mentioned funeral regalia, there may be worn, as the Grand Lodge may permit, the regalia prescribed as Odd Fellows' regalia. ⁸

1339 a. On such occasions, the Marshal shall wear a black scarf, and bear a baton bound with black crape.

The Outside Guardian shall bear a red wand bound with black crape.

The Scene Supporters shall bear white wands bound with black crape.

The Inside Guardian shall bear the regalia and insignia indicating the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.

¹ C., 930.

² Ritual; S. J., 2699, 2764, 2810.

³ C., 932.

⁴ S. J., 392.

⁵ C., 937.

⁶ S. J., 7477.

⁷ C., 936.

⁸ 1239, 1240.

The Supporters of the Vice Grand shall bear their wands of office, bound with black crape.

The Chaplain shall wear a white scarf.

The Warden shall bear the axe, bound with black crape.

The Conductor shall bear his wand of office, bound with black crape, and the Supporters of the Noble Grand shall each bear their wands of office, bound with black crape. ¹

1340. The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers, in memory of deceased brothers, is a strip of black crape, passed through one button-hole only of the left lapel of the coat and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the degree to which the wearer has attained. ²

1341. No regalia is legitimate except that prescribed by law; crooks, swords, gauntlets, belts and all military paraphernalia not so prescribed are accordingly inadmissible. ³

1342. Use and abuse of the mottoes, titles or emblems of the Order:

CLAUSE 1. No member of the Order shall either directly or indirectly use or sanction the use of any of the emblems, the name, or any of the titles, or the mottoes, or the initials thereof, of the Order, in the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

CLAUSE 2. No member or officer of any Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall, either directly or indirectly, use or permit the use of his name, as such member or officer, in any private business or enterprise.

CLAUSE 3. A member of the Order shall not use any of its emblems, its name, or any of its titles, its mottoes, or the initials thereof, in any advertisement or public display not authorized by some law of the Order.

CLAUSE 4. Any member of the Order or officer of a Lodge or Encampment who shall be guilty of any of the offenses defined and set forth in the three preceding clauses shall be considered guilty of a fraud upon the Order, and shall be suspended or expelled from membership at the option of his Lodge or Encampment.

CLAUSE 5. The foregoing shall not be construed to apply to any periodical or newspaper now published or hereafter to be published in the interest of the Order, in good faith, by a member or members of the Order in good standing, unless such publication shall, under cover of the interest of the Order, give publicity to any of the signs, emblems, mottoes or other secrets of the Order, in advertisement or otherwise, for the benefit of individuals or companies, or for the advancement of their own private gain. But if

¹ S. J., 7387.

² S. J., 961.

³ S. J., 4716, 4878, 4897, 5197, 5246.

any such periodical or newspaper shall offend against the provisions of this regulation, it shall be the duty of the Grand Sire to warn said periodical or newspaper to discontinue such conduct; and in the event of the continuance of such publications or advertisements and persistent disobedience to said warning, it shall be the duty of the Grand Sire to prefer charges against the offending party or parties, before his or their Subordinate Lodge; and it shall be the duty of such to arraign and try the party or parties so charged, and upon conviction of the offense to suspend or expel the offender. ¹

1342 a. The emblems or name of the Order cannot be used in a memorial window of a church, except in memory of a deceased brother. For that purpose they may be as legitimately used there as upon a tablet or tombstone erected to his memory. ² The paraphernalia used in the secret work cannot be worn by the officers on the occasion of a public anniversary of a Lodge. ³

1343. The flag of the I. O. O. F. adopted by the S. G. L. for Grand and Subordinate Bodies is as follows: The flag to be manufactured of white material, either bunting, satin or cotton cloth, as may be selected by those desiring one. The proportions are to be eleven-nineteenths of the length for the width. The emblems are to consist of the three links, to be placed in the center of the flag, with the letters I. O. O. F. and the name of the State, District or Territory using it to be painted or wrought in scarlet color, and trimmed with material of the same color. Whenever the flag is to be used by the Encampment there shall be added two crooks, to be painted or wrought in purple color. ⁴

1344. May wear ribbon of color of highest degree attained, with jewel. Ribbon with print of jewel will not serve the purpose. A brother attending the session of a Grand Body may wear in lieu of regalia a ribbon of the color of the highest degree he has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear. The ribbon with print of jewel thereon will not serve the purpose. It is optional with the members to append the jewel or not; with or without the jewel the ribbon will be sufficient. It is the ribbon and not the jewel which is the substitute for the regalia. The reference to a jewel is intended to apply solely to Grand Officers, who, when they wear a ribbon, must attach the jewel of office. ⁵

1345. An Encampment member can wear his Encampment regalia when sitting in his own Lodge, unless he is a Lodge officer, in which case he must wear the regalia of his office. ⁶

¹ S. J., 5143, 5199, 5247.

² S. J., 14686, 15019.

³ S. J., 14683, 15019.

⁴ S. J., 4395, 4418, 5168, 5217, 5205, 5248.

⁵ S. J., 11482, 11718, 11769; but see 1321a *supra*.

⁶ S. J., 13783, 14036, 14070.

1346. The wearing of uniforms is purely a voluntary matter, and anything that would directly or indirectly compel members to procure them would be highly objectionable. ¹

1347. The Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F.—Members of the Order in good standing and who for twenty-five years or more have been such, shall be entitled to wear a jewel to be designated "The Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F." The Committee on Printing Supplies, together with the Grand Sire, are authorized and directed to prepare a suitable design for such jewel, whenever in their judgment it shall be expedient to procure and furnish the same to such persons as are entitled thereto, at such price as said committee shall fix. The proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer in the same manner as the sales of other supplies. ²

1348. Continuous membership necessary.—The law authorizing a member of the Order to wear the Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F., requires that the said member shall, at the time of making application for the said jewel, be in good standing, and that he shall have been in good standing for twenty-five consecutive years or more, next preceding thereunto. The conditioned membership without continuous good standing will not serve, both conditions being prerequisites to obtaining the said Veteran Jewel. ³

1349. The condition for obtaining the Veteran Jewel is membership in the Order in good standing for twenty-five consecutive years, interpreted as meaning that the member must be in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge or succession of Subordinate Lodges for twenty-five consecutive years, including the time he may hold an unexpired withdrawal card, thus:

Period of membership in good standing,	11	consecutive years
" " Withdrawal Card,	$\frac{3}{4}$	of a year
" " membership in good standing,	5	consecutive years
" " Withdrawal Card,	1	year
" " membership in good standing,	$7\frac{1}{4}$	consecutive years

Total consecutive membership in Order, 25 consecutive years. ⁴

1350. Suspension for cause terminates good standing and not being restored until after the expiration of one year breaks the continuity of years, so that the member, though restored, is not entitled to the twenty-five years' Veteran Jewel, if the twenty-five years embrace the year of suspension. ⁵

1351. The Honorable Veteran Jewel.—The Committee on Printing Supplies of the S. G. L. is directed to design a suitable jewel to be known as "The Honorable Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F.," which

¹ S. J., 8345, 8461.

² S. J., 11410.

³ S. J., 11899, 12217, 12281.

⁴ S. J., 11900, 12217, 12281.

⁵ S. J., 14250, 14487, 14570.

shall be sold to members in good standing who have held continuous membership in the Order for fifty consecutive years or more.¹ The jewel is predicated on continuous membership "for fifty consecutive years."² The continuity of years is not broken if the brother is in full membership during a part of each of the fifty years. This is as it should be, so as to allow brothers to take a withdrawal card, to form a new Lodge, or to remove from one place to another without forfeiting his right to this honor, provided he makes full membership within the life of his card.³

1352. Not entitled to the Veteran Jewel.—A brother out of the Order by withdrawal card for one year, nine months and twenty-six days, working to get up a Lodge and becoming a charter member, is not entitled to the Honorable Veteran Jewel after fifty years of service covering the above period.⁴

1353. Holding a live withdrawal card, i. e., one that has not expired, gives the holder a *quasi* membership, and if the card is deposited within the year with a petition for full membership, and such membership is made upon it, the continuity of his yearly membership is not destroyed so as to deprive him of the Honorable Veteran Jewel.⁵

1354. Whenever it can be certified that the continuous good standing in membership of fifty years was not interrupted exceeding four years, and then only while the Grand Lodge of the State did not work, and thereby deprived the Subordinates of the regular means of work, that such members of Subordinates shall be entitled to receive and wear the Honorable Veteran Jewel.⁶

DEFUNCT LODGES.

SECTION 1355.—A Lodge becomes defunct, when.

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¹ S. J., 13559, 13685, 13693.

² S. J., 13974.

³ S. J., 14684, 15019.

⁴ S. J., 14248, 14487, 14514, 14516, 14570.

⁵ S. J., 14250, 14487, 14570.

⁶ S. J., 14508, 14516.

SECTION 1365.—Member of extinct Lodge entitled to card of withdrawal.

“ 1366.—Members of defunct Lodge may receive certificate, etc.

“ 1367.—Grand Lodge card as withdrawal certificate.

“ 1368.—Books of extinct Lodge or Encampment lost or destroyed, when.

“ 1369.—Grand Lodge certificate of withdrawal.

“ 1370.—A Grand Body or its chief officer has full power to grant card to member in arrears in defunct Lodges.

1355. Defunct Lodges.—A Lodge becomes defunct by failing to hold meetings for six months, or by failing to make returns for one year, thereby forfeiting its charter, or by reduction of its membership below five. A Lodge extinct by expulsion or suspension is also called defunct. ¹

1356. Names and numbers of extinct Subordinates may be used again.—Any Grand Lodge may permit the use of the names and numbers of extinct Subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions. ²

1357. When effects of defunct Lodges may be sold.—When the members of a defunct Lodge have withdrawn from it so that those remaining are less than the constitutional number for resuscitation (a quorum of five), the Grand Secretary is authorized to dispose of its effects. ³

1358. Lodges may be resuscitated.—Whenever in the judgment of a State Grand Lodge it may be expedient, it shall be lawful to allow a Lodge to be resuscitated upon the application of five of the former members of the Lodge; and to give the name, charter and effects of such Subordinates to such applicants, provided that petitioners at the time of their application shall not be connected with any other Subordinate Lodge. ⁴

1359. Grand Lodges may return surrendered charters that have remained unclaimed for not less than five years, upon the petition of the requisite number of qualified brothers, although only one of the petitioners may have been a member of said defunct Lodge; *Provided*, however, that if the requisite number of original members be not found among the petitioners, it must be apparent that due diligence and effort have been made, in good faith, to procure the required number or no surrendered funds, effects and property of the defunct Lodge shall be returned with the charter; and in all cases the charter fee shall be required, as in case of issuing a new charter. ⁵

1360. Resuscitation does not restore to membership.—The resuscitation of a defunct Lodge, on the application of a portion of its original members, does not restore to membership all its former

¹ Ill. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 1.

² S. J., 9699, 9793.

³ C., 1057.

⁴ S. J., 4145, 4169.

⁵ S. J., 4886, 4926, 10252, 10487, 10511.

members who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution. Members who failed to join in the application to restore the charter may resume their membership upon such terms as the local laws of the jurisdiction may prescribe. ¹

1361. When a Lodge is suspended or expelled, its functions cease, not merely as to certain purposes, but all purposes. The period of its suspension or expulsion is as a blank in its existence, and whatsoever is done in such an interval by the persons claiming to be a Lodge is without authority and in contempt of law, and must be regarded not merely as voidable, but utterly void. When the disability is removed then the Lodge starts again into the exercise of its various functions. ²

1362. A Grand Body is not required to discharge the pecuniary obligations of its Subordinates which have become extinct, where no property has come into its possession. The assets of a defunct Lodge which have come into the control of the Grand Lodge are subject to claims for benefits legally extended to members of such Subordinates by other Lodges. ³

1363. The funds and property of defunct Lodges may, at the option of the body holding the same, be used for the purpose of assisting working Lodges when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization; or they may be applied for the assistance of the widows and orphans of such defunct bodies, or to any relief fund which may exist in such Grand Jurisdiction; *Provided*, that where a fund is held on a specific trust, and such Subordinate becomes defunct, the Grand Body shall see that such trust is duly executed and the trust fund applied to the purposes for which the fund was created. ⁴

1364. When the widow and orphan funds of a defunct Lodge pass into the treasury of a Grand Lodge, they shall be credited separately and distinctly, and so held. After the five years within which no reclamation shall have been made of the funds so surrendered, the final disposition of them is, under existing law, within the control of that body. Specific trusts are, however, to be executed if possible, and a widow and orphan fund should be applied to the use of such beneficiaries. ⁵

1365. Member of extinct Lodge entitled to card of withdrawal.—When a Subordinate Lodge becomes extinct, any member thereof shall be entitled, upon payment of such dues as may appear against him, to receive from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or from such other authority as may be prescribed by the law of the respective jurisdictions, a card of withdrawal, which shall have the

¹ C., 1060; S. J., 1478, 1512.

² S. J., 1391, 1494, 1513.

³ S. J., 3062, 3107, 3123.

⁴ S. J., 5516, 5547.

⁵ S. J., 6594, 6642.

same force and effect as an expired withdrawal card issued to him by an existing Subordinate in good standing. The officers to whom the application is made shall require satisfactory evidence that the applicant is at the time worthy of the recommendation to the "friendship and protection" of the brotherhood; and it is also necessary that the charter, books and effects of such defunct Lodge shall have been surrendered to the proper officer. ¹

1366. Members of a defunct Lodge who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such Lodge, or who may have paid to the Grand Lodge all arrearages then due by them, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge, which shall entitle them to the same privileges as an expired withdrawal card, and for the same time, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge; *Provided*, that no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled Lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge. ²

1367. In case of application for a Grand Lodge card or withdrawal certificate by a former member of a defunct Lodge, the same shall be granted on proof to the Grand Master of worthiness and the payment of the sum of one dollar by the applicant. ³

1368. Where the books of an extinct Lodge or Encampment have been lost or destroyed, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary or the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, or the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, as the case may be, on being satisfied of the good standing of any member of such extinct Lodges and Encampments, may issue to him a card of withdrawal, which shall have the same force and effect, and shall entitle him to the same privileges as an expired card of withdrawal issued by existing Subordinates. ⁴ Without such a card of withdrawal a member of an extinct Subordinate cannot be admitted as an ancient Odd Fellow. ⁵

1369. A Grand Lodge Certificate issued to a member a defunct Lodge does not have the effect of a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge in date. That law was repealed in 1884. Since then it has only the effect of a withdrawal card over a year old. ⁶

1370. A Grand Body or its chief officer has full power to grant a card to a member largely in arrears to a defunct Subordinate, not only by reason of its resumption of the powers of such Subordinate, but on account of its original control over all members of the Order

¹ S. J., 3088, 3113, 8487.

² G. L., By-Law, Art. II, Sec. 3.

³ C., 1068.

⁴ S. J., 3540.

⁵ C., 1069.

⁶ S. J., 14683, 18019.

in its jurisdiction; *Provided*, the arrears shall be paid to the G. S. This discretionary power implies a wise and judicious investigation into the circumstances of every case presented.¹

FINANCES, ASSESSMENTS, DUES, FEES, FUNDS, SECURITIES, ETC.

- SECTION 1371.—Subordinate Lodges must fix some stated rate of dues.
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¹ See Sec. 1366, *supra*.

SECTION 1410.—Separate fund of Subordinate Lodge unnecessary. May be appropriated or merged, provided, etc.

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1371. Subordinate Lodges must fix some stated rate of dues in their By-Laws.¹ The dues to a Lodge accrue weekly, and only for the convenience of a Lodge are paid at stated periods. It is the right of a brother at any time to pay his dues, but in case a brother has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred by the rules of his Lodge from drawing benefits while sick, he cannot be permitted while he continues sick to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits.² It is not lawful to pass a local law whereby a Subordinate may receive a fixed sum as dues, and as a consideration therefor relieve the member so paying from further obligation to be charged with dues during his membership.³ A Lodge or Encampment cannot refuse to receive, in full or in part, the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues, without notice unless at the time of his suspension he shall be indebted to the Lodge or Encampment for one year's dues.⁴ It is competent for a Grand Body to permit its Subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues in advance, provided such requirement shall not work a forfeiture of any rights now guaranteed to members by the laws of the S. G. L.⁵

1372. When a By-Law is amended, increasing the amount to be paid for dues, it affects every member of the Lodge. A brother can claim no exemption by reason of having received a visiting card.⁶ A receipt issued by the Secretary to a member for dues paid in advance for a certain period does not constitute a contract that the rate of dues for such member shall remain unchanged during the time for which he paid in advance.⁷

¹ S. J., 1124.

² S. J., 1318.

³ S. J., 5119, 5547.

⁴ S. J., 7505.

⁵ S. J., 7370, 7471.

⁶ S. J., 7373, 7472.

⁷ S. J., 7020, 7077.

1373. In determining a member's standing in the Order, reference must be had to the amount of dues fixed by the Lodge, reckoned by weekly periods. A member does not owe his dues until the expiration of the week. A Lodge cannot require them to be paid in advance, except when a visiting card is taken; and they can be changed only for the actual time of membership. They may be entered weekly or at longer intervals, and paid at any time when a member chooses; but the Lodge may require them paid at a definite time after due.¹

1374. The holder of a visiting card is liable for all regular or special taxes levied by the Lodge while the card is current, whether he be present or absent from the Lodge.²

1375. Every minister of the Gospel, one preaching the Word of God from the Holy Scripture, is entitled to admission into the Order, if duly elected, free of charge, if there be a provision in the Subordinate Constitution authorizing the admission of ministers of the Gospel free of charge.³

1376. Remission of initiation fee is a subject for local legislation, and unless permitted by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, a Lodge should not recognize any bargain made by members with a candidate for return to him of part of his initiation fee. It is highly inexpedient for Lodges to recognize the validity of such bargains even if the local law be silent on the subject.⁴

1377. Admission and degree fee.—Every person joining a Lodge must pay the prescribed admission fee; ministers of the Gospel and charter members of a Lodge are not excepted. Nor may this law be evaded by giving back the fee or any part of it. The same rule applies to degree fees. Charter members pay the regular fee for deposit of cards, and are credited with what they advance for the charter.⁵

1378. The fee of an applicant shall be paid to the Permanent Secretary, or if there be no P. S., to the Secretary, who shall pay it, with the receipts of the meeting, to the Treasurer. If an applicant is rejected or his petition is withdrawn, the fee shall be drawn from the Treasurer on an order in favor of the applicant. If the fee to be returned is placed in the hands of the proposer, he is made the agent of the Lodge. If he fails to pay it over, the Lodge is still responsible for it.⁶

1379. The Lodge to which the applicant belongs is entitled to the fees for degrees.—No Lodge has the right to give a certificate to receive the degrees until the fees are paid. It is the duty of any

¹ C., 436.

² C., 438.

³ S. J., 5480, 5540.

⁴ S. J., 6977, 7051.

⁵ C., 441.

⁶ S. J., 11100.

Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate if the brother is in good standing, to confer the degrees upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate. ¹

1380. No member is in good standing while his note is held for dues; the indebtedness by note is a new form, not a discharge of the debt. ² Lodges may not take the notes of their members for such indebtedness. ³

1381. Payment of dues to the Treasurer is not a payment to the Lodge, since the laws require all payments to be made to the Secretaries. It is optional with a Lodge whether they will recognize a payment made to other officers. ⁴

1382. The Permanent Secretary may not refuse to receive dues or fees from members of his Lodge, if properly tendered, between meetings of the Lodge. A payment counts from the time when made, and not from the next meeting of the Lodge. If the Treasurer is acting *P. S. pro tem.*, a payment to him is a valid payment to the Lodge. ⁵

1383. Not prejudiced if payment of all required is made.—If a brother pays to the Lodge for dues or fees all that is required of him by the Secretary, which amount is nevertheless too small, by error of the officer, the brother's claims against the Lodge are not prejudiced thereby. ⁶

1384. If a candidate has paid the full fee required by the Lodge or by an illegal By-Law, and has been admitted to membership, he is a legal member; and he cannot be required to pay an additional sum, though he is in honor bound to pay the regular fee, unless misrepresentation was used to induce him to become a member. ⁷

1385. A brother taking a visiting card must pay in advance all regular dues for the time for which it is granted. ⁸

1386. When any officer, exempt under the Constitution and By-Laws from the payment of dues, applies for and receives a visiting card, he must pay dues in advance the same as any other member. If he continues to serve in such office to the end of his term; or until the expiration of his card, the proper amount must be refunded to him. ⁹

1387. Every Lodge holds its members, who are under suspension for cause, responsible for dues and unworthy conduct during

¹ S. J., 4069, 4187, 4201.

² S. J., 1775.

³ C., 444.

⁴ C., 445; but see Sec. 1382, *infra*.

⁵ But see S. J., 10521, 10714.

⁶ C., 447; S. J., 1935, 1962, 2484, 2504.

⁷ C., 448.

⁸ C., 449; S. J., 3118, 3135.

⁹ C., 450.

such disability. ¹ Upon reinstatement the full amount accruing before, during and after suspension should be paid. ²

1388. No dues during period of expulsion.—If a member is expelled and afterwards reinstated, no dues are to be charged for the interval. If, however, an expulsion be found illegal on appeal to the Grand Lodge, dues accrue for the time in which it was erroneously held valid. ³

1389. Dues must be paid.—A Lodge cannot remit or donate dues, nor donate or loan money to a member for dues to keep him good on the books; *dues must be paid*. No arrearages can be remitted, except in case of reinstatement. ⁴

1390. Appropriations.—Subordinate Lodges have the right to determine the propriety of appropriating their funds for all purposes recognized by the Order; ⁵ but Lodge funds paid into the treasury to answer the call of the sick, to bury the dead, to educate the orphan, or to answer the legitimate expenses of the Lodge, cannot be diverted from the treasury to be expended in pleasure excursions, picnics or the like, for these are not the legitimate purposes of a Lodge. To appropriate money for such excursions is a misappropriation of the funds. ⁶

1391. Funds, special and general.—The special funds of this Lodge shall be sacredly devoted to the purposes for which they may be raised; and the general fund shall be considered sacredly pledged to the relief of distressed brothers, the payment of benefits, the furnishing of the Lodge room, and such other necessary expenses as are and may be recognized and authorized by the laws of the Order.

1392. The stocks, securities, investments and funds of this Lodge shall not be transferred, in whole or in part, but by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified members present at a regular meeting. The resolution therefor shall have been presented at least one week before final action. ⁷

1393. Recommendations of legitimate objects of expenditure of Lodge funds.—All things recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge or by the Grand Lodge of Illinois are legitimate objects or purposes of expenditure of Lodge funds, subject to the By-Laws of the Lodges.

1394. Objects for which funds of a Lodge may be legally expended.—Among the objects for which the funds of a Lodge may be legally expended, the following have been specified. A Lodge may expend its funds:

¹ S. J., 1504, 1513.

² S. J., 1884, 1948.

³ C., 452.

⁴ C., 453.

⁵ S. J., 3960, 4007.

⁶ S. J., 5198, 5246.

⁷ Ill. S. C., Art. X, Secs. 11, 12.

- (1.) In the purchase of real estate and building a hall. ¹
- (2.) In purchase of land or lots for burial purposes.
- (3.) In fitting up its hall with necessary furniture and appropriate adornments, as an organ, frames for charter and pictures. ²
- (4.) In donation for any purpose within the object and scope of the Order. (The Washington Monument is not such a purpose. ³)
- (5.) In hiring watchers for its own or transient sick members. ⁴
- (6.) For expenses of a public or a private installation.
- (7.) For an orator at its own celebration, whose address must be upon Odd Fellowship.
- (8.) For buying official and other regalia.
- (9.) For the formation and support of a Lodge library. ⁵
- (10.) For a band of music at a funeral if the expense therefor is provided by a special assessment for funeral expenses, if the By-Laws so permit.
- (11.) For the celebration of the anniversary of the Order, at its discretion, but the sum expended must be reasonable.
- (12.) For hall rent and music at such celebrations.
- (13.) In the payment of sick benefits, funeral benefits and expenses.
- (14.) In the relief of distressed brothers and Lodges.
- (15.) In the payment of officers whose duty involves extra labor, as the Secretaries and the O. G., when he acts as Steward or Janitor. ⁶
- (16.) In the formation of new Lodges and the extension of the Order. ⁷
- (17.) In donations for any object which its Grand Lodge allows to be presented. ⁸
- (18.) Donations to Orphans' and Odd Fellows' Homes. ⁹

Although it is left to the Subordinate Lodges in their discretion to appropriate their funds for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the Order, yet that discretion must be exercised in a reasonable manner, and Grand Lodges may enact suitable regulations to prevent their Subordinates from making grossly excessive appropriations for such purposes. ¹⁰

1395. A Lodge may not use its funds, etc.—(1.) For festival expenses generally; for a ball, or banquet, or dinner; in pleasure excursions, picnics etc., or for a refreshment fund. ¹¹

¹ S. J., 8166, 8182.

² S. J., 8166, 8182.

³ S. J., 6350, 6619, 6692.

⁴ S. J., 8166, 8182.

⁵ S. J., 6985, 7054.

⁶ S. J., 3117, 3125.

⁷ S. J., 4423, 4921, 8422, 8480.

⁸ C., 456.

⁹ S. J., 11102.

¹⁰ S. J., 8171, 8185.

¹¹ S. J., 7813, 7865.

(2.) In donations or loans to pay the dues or fees of members.

(3.) For donations to charitable objects outside the Order, unless from a special fund for the purpose.

(4.) To relieve a defaulting Treasurer by giving him the balance in his hands and releasing his securities.

(5.) To relieve brothers who have borrowed money from the Lodge and who fail to pay their notes; the notes may not be given up to them.

(6.) To pay for the music at a funeral out of its regular funds.¹

(7.) To any purpose forbidden by the principles laid down by the S. G. L.²

(8.) It is illegal for Subordinate Lodges to pay out of their funds to a physician hired by the year, unless authorized by local law.³

(9.) Under the clause "Legitimate Expenses of the Order," a Lodge cannot vote money to the widow of one who was never a member of the Order.⁴

(10.) The *donation* of \$2,000 to the widow of a deceased brother would be a violation of the law in regard to "trust funds."⁵

1396. Surplus of money belongs to Lodge.—A surplus of money obtained by a committee for a celebration of the anniversary belongs to the Lodge.⁶

1397. Bills are appropriately referred to the Finance Committee for examination, which must report, etc., thereon as soon as practicable; but a Lodge has the right to pay a bill without action of the Finance Committee, especially when the articles have been ordered by the Lodge; but it cannot accept a report of the minority of the committee, except as a substitute to the report of the majority.⁷

1398. It is the right and duty of Subordinate Lodges to tax their members, in order that they may be enabled to grant stipulated weekly benefits to sick members.⁸

1399. May assess for widows and children and charge to funeral dues.—A Lodge, on the death of a brother, may assess the membership a stipulated amount for the purpose of paying the widow or children of the deceased a certain amount. It may charge such amount at the close of the quarter as funeral dues or assessments upon his death.⁹

¹ S. J., 8053.

² C., 458.

³ S. J., 14683, 15003, 15071, 15087.

⁴ S. J., 14686, 15019.

⁵ S. J., 14686, 15019.

⁶ C., 459.

⁷ C., 460.

⁸ S. J., 3585.

⁹ S. J., 8535, 8701, 8767.

1400. A Lodge may not levy a special assessment to defray the expense of a celebration.¹

1401. A Lodge may not levy a tax for the furnishing of the Lodge room when there are in its treasury sufficient funds; but it may levy an assessment for any necessary expense, as in furnishing the Lodge room, getting needed paraphernalia, regalia, etc. Such assessment may be enforced like other dues.²

1402. A Lodge may not pay the expense of a band of music from its general funds, but such expense may be included in a special assessment for funeral expenses if the By-Laws so provide.³

1403. Tax upon member in case of death.—When the By-Laws of a Lodge do not create a special fund for funeral purposes, the tax assessed by the By-Laws upon members in case of the death of a beneficiary member must be paid into the general fund, and funeral benefits are to be paid out of said fund, by order of the Lodge.⁴

1404. Object of and estimate of an assessment.—If the By-Laws of a Lodge provide for an assessment upon members in case of a minimum amount in the treasury (that is, if there be less than some certain amount), the minimum is to be estimated in cash, not counting money at interest on a note, nor money to be paid in soon. The object of the assessment is to provide funds for immediate use; and the N. G. must order the making of the assessment without waiting for collections.⁵

1405. The reversionary interest a Grand Lodge holds in the funds of its Subordinates gives it an undoubted right to limit their expenses to purpose within the Order, and with propriety it may inhibit a division of the funds or other property among the members of a Lodge; but a wise and prudent dispensation of donations is an integral portion of the objects of the Order, one on which much of its reputation for beneficence has been erected, and one the destruction of which would carry with it the whole claim, the Order has to be regarded as an institution devoted to charitable purposes.⁶

1406. Donations to brothers as charity.—A Lodge is justified in making a donation as a charity to a brother who at the time is in such physical condition that he is obliged, under advice of his physician, to travel abroad as the only means of regaining his health, although the brother is in arrears and not legally entitled to benefits.⁶

1407. Qualifying for charter, Lodge may donate fees.—When a number of persons join a Lodge for the sole purpose of qualifying

¹ C., 463.

² C., 464.

³ C., 465.

⁴ C., 466.

⁵ C., 467.

⁶ S. J., 2772, 2812.

themselves to become applicants for a charter for a new Lodge, the Lodge in which they are initiated and take the degrees may donate to the new Lodge when organized the amount of fees received from such applicants.*

1408. May not transfer funds to neighboring Lodge.—The members of a Lodge desiring to cease work and join a neighboring Lodge may not transfer the funds and property to said neighboring Lodge unless the two Lodges are consolidated, under the laws of the Grand Lodge.²

1409. It is not obligatory upon a Lodge to establish a widows' and orphans' fund; but after it has created such a Fund, the Lodge cannot draw upon it to meet contingent expenses, nor merge it into the general fund in the Lodge treasury. The widows' and orphans' fund is a "special trust fund," and cannot be used to pay funeral benefits, though the brother leaves a widow and orphan children. It is for their direct and individual support.³

1410. When from any cause, any separate fund of a Subordinate Lodge shall be found unnecessary, it shall be lawful to otherwise appropriate such fund or merge it, in whole or in part, in the general fund; *Provided*, that the object contemplated by such special fund be otherwise fully protected and secured. And *Provided further*, that provision be fully made to return any donation made to the said special fund which may be demanded by any donor who may insist upon its being donated to the object for which it was donated; *Provided, further*, that no such appropriation shall be made unless the same shall first be authorized by the Grand Lodge to which such Subordinate may be attached.⁴

1411. Special fund.—If a Lodge sets apart a certain share of its dues for a special fund, then there should be set off that share of what is actually collected and paid in.⁵

1412. A brother may not offset his dues with an unadjusted claim, even if just, for sick benefits. The Lodge, and not the brother, must make the offset.⁶

1413. Lodges may loan their funds upon undoubted security.⁷

1414. Trust funds cannot be diverted.—All attempts to divert the funds or property of a Lodge from the objects and purposes for which they were in the name of our Order collected, by dividing or appropriating them to some other object or purpose before breaking up or surrendering its charter, are wrong and dishonorable, and in

¹ C., 469.

² C., 470.

³ C., 471; S. J., 10986, 10987, 10054, 14684, 15019; Ill. J., 1896, see Homes, *infra*; S. J., 4897, 4875, 9976, 10071.

⁴ S. J., 7368, 7471.

⁵ C., 473; but see Sec. 363, *supra*.

⁶ C., 474; S. J., 10250.

⁷ C., 475.

direct violation of the trust which they have voluntarily assumed. Such funds and property, collected under and by authority of a charter duly granted to a Lodge, are trust funds and can be applied only to the objects for which they were collected, and when for any cause a Lodge shall fail to continue as a working body and yield up its charter, the money and property, of whatever kind of which it may be possessed, must be surrendered to and paid over to the State Grand Body from which it derived its authority, and no diversion of the funds or property or other disposition of them, except for the legitimate object of the Order, can or will be recognized or tolerated by the S. G. L. ¹

1415. Grand Bodies are directed to enact appropriate laws for the care of the funds and the property of defunct Lodges which shall thereafter become a separate trust or fund, to be employed and used under the direction of such Grand Body or committee duly constituted by them, in aiding and assisting working Lodges when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization. ²

1416. The Grand Master is instructed, whenever the interests of the Order require it, to suspend any defaulting Lodge, or Lodge attempting to distribute its funds and property among its members; and where loss is likely to result from maladministration by or through trustees or by such default or attempted distribution, it is his duty to call in legal advice, and in extreme cases to institute suits at law or in equity to protect the rights of the Grand Lodge. ³

1417. Distribution of cemetery lots.—A Lodge having bought land for cemetery purposes, it would be an illegal distribution of Lodge property to parcel it out and give each member a burial lot. ⁴

1418. The funds and property of defunct Lodges may, at the option of the body holding the same, be used for the purpose of assisting working Lodges when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization, or they may be applied for the assistance of the widows and orphans of such defunct bodies, or to any relief fund which may exist in such Grand Jurisdiction; *Provided*, that where a fund is held on a specific trust, and such Subordinates become defunct, the Grand Body shall see that such trust is duly executed and the trust fund applied to the purposes for which it was created. ⁵

1419. A Lodge may not use its funds to pay a team instructor from another State who has not been commissioned by the Grand Master. ⁶

¹ S. J., 3664, 3697.

⁵ S. J., 5516, 5547.

² S. J., 3664, 3697.

⁶ Ill. J., VIII, 409, 520; see also Sec.

³ C., 479; see Sec. 263, *supra*.

1395, *supra*.

⁴ C., 480.

1420. To offer a reward for apprehension and conviction of a ruffian who has injured a brother is illegal. ¹

1421. To pay the assessments of a brother in an Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association, even though he makes the Lodge his beneficiary, is illegal. ²

1422. There is no law prohibiting any Subordinate Lodge from appropriating a portion of its Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the purpose of purchase or erection of a home for its widows and orphans. The law, however, forbids the use of such fund for the relief of aged and infirm members of the Order. ³

1423. Lodge may appropriate for purchase of piano.—It is within the power of Lodges owning or controlling a hall to appropriate money for the purchase of a piano to be used therein from their general fund, or to allow the Trustees to use the revenue arising therefrom for such purchase. ⁴

1424. The expenditure of Lodge funds for music to accompany a parade or as an attractive feature in connection with, and as a part of, the prescribed ceremonies, is authorized, subject to such limitations as may be made by local legislation as a part of the legitimate expenses incident to the celebration of the Anniversary of American Odd Fellowship on April 26th, and no other day; but the expenditure of Lodge funds for music in connection with a dance or other entertainment not constituting a part of the regular anniversary exercises is neither authorized nor permitted by the laws of Odd Fellowship. ⁵

1425. The regular contribution to the Lodge fund shall not be at less rate than seven cents a week, to be determined by the By-Laws, but the Lodge shall by its By-Laws prescribe some less rate, not exceeding five cents a week, for the dues of non-beneficial members. ⁶

1426. The Lodge may by its By-Laws require such further contributions for a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, an Educational Fund, a Funeral Assessment Fund, or for any other fund suitable to the purpose of the Order, for either or all of them as the Lodge shall determine. ⁷

1427. The amounts fixed for dues and fees in the Constitution of Subordinates are minimum rates, except in some instances relating

¹ S. J., 9504, 9734, 9801; see also Sec. 1395, *supra*.

² S. J., 10988, 11027; see also Sec. 1395, *supra*.

³ S. J., 10054, 10168.

⁴ S. J., 12788, 13050, 13076.

⁵ S. J., 14050, 14073.

⁶ Ill. S. C., Art. X, Sec. 5.

⁷ Ill. S. C., Art. X, Sec. 6; see Sec. 362, *supra*, also see Sec. 363, *supra*.

to reinstatements and in regard to the dues from non-beneficial members where the maximum rate is fixed; the Lodge must fix its own rates in its By-Laws. ¹

1428. A regular assessment for having watchers for the sick is legal under Section 1426, to be fixed in the By-Laws; all By-Law assessments are to be paid when due, without regard to amount of such special funds in the treasury. ²

1429. Dues, meaning of.—The word “dues” has three meanings in our laws: (1). The weekly contributions of Section 1425, in distinction from what is paid for initiation and degrees, which amounts are fees.

(2). The regular weekly contributions and anything else regularly accruing at stated intervals; the “further contributions of Section 1426.” In this sense it is used when saying “the Secretary shall be exempt from all dues.”

(3). All that is due from a member on the books of the Lodge, including the weekly contributions, regular contributions, special assessments and fines. When it is said that one taking a withdrawal card must pay all dues, the word is used in the third sense. ³

1430. Dues, payment of on basis of age not legal.—A By-Law providing that all present members shall continue to pay the amount of annual dues heretofore paid, and that all members hereafter admitted into the Lodge under forty years of age shall pay four dollars per year; those over forty and under forty-five, five dollars; those over forty-five and under fifty, six dollars; those over fifty, eight dollars, payable one quarter in advance, no member to be exempt from the payment of dues “is not legal.” ⁴

1431. Ordinance of “Good of the Order” fund illegal.—The following By-Law of a Subordinate Lodge is illegal: Each member shall pay into the treasury one dollar per year, to be placed in a special fund to be called “Good of the Order Fund,” this to be used as the Lodge may direct; each member shall have the same charged to him and it shall be treated as dues or other assessments one-quarter payable quarterly. ⁵

1432. Trust funds.—The donation of two thousand dollars to the widow of a deceased brother would be a violation of the law in regard to trust funds.

1433. Lodge cannot vote money to one never a member.—Under the clause “legitimate expenses of the Order,” a Lodge cannot vote money to the widow of one who was never a member of the Order. ⁶

¹ C., Sec. 431.

² C., Sec. 432.

³ C., Sec. 434.

⁴ S. J., 14688, 14948, 15019.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*; see Sec. 1426, *supra*; S. J., 14686.

1434. Pay of watchers for brother away from home.—The By-Laws of a Lodge providing for hiring watchers and the amount to be paid when a brother is sick at home, though silent as to this sickness when absent, authorizes a Lodge having the brother in charge away from his home to pay for watchers the same amount.¹

The following resolutions were adopted by the S. G. L. at its session of 1882 :

1435. (1.) That the Grand Lodges and Encampments are advised to investigate the financial condition of their Subordinates, and to define them, within certain limits, the rate of dues and benefits.

(2.) That in the opinion of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the only classes of benefits advisable are weekly payments to a sick brother, and a funeral benefit on the death of a brother; all other relief to take the form of special grants, made as circumstances may require, within the limits fixed by the several State Jurisdictions.

(3.) That the ratio of dues and benefits should be as follows : If the graded system of dues be adopted, then for sick benefits of \$4.00 weekly, and a funeral benefit of \$40.00, the dues should not be lower than those in table H. If uniform dues are charged, the rate should not be less than \$8.00 per annum for the same amount of benefits, that is to say, the weekly benefits not to exceed half a year's dues, funeral benefit not to exceed five times a year's dues; *Provided*, that this rule shall be held to be practically in force if the Lodge receipts per member from dues and permanent investments equal the amount called for as dues.

(4.) That it is advisable for Subordinates to have at least three separate funds, viz.: A Benefit Fund, from which shall be paid sick and funeral benefits; a Relief Fund, from which shall be paid all sums for charity and special relief; a Management Fund, from which shall be paid the expense of working and maintenance.

(5.) That the receipts of Subordinates should be apportioned to their funds as follows, assuming the rate of dues and benefits to be as recommended in this report. To the Management Fund the admission and degree fees, and \$2.00 from each member's yearly dues, the remainder of the dues to be apportioned, three-fourths to the Benefit Fund and one-fourth to the Relief Fund; interest from investments to the fund which has been invested. When the admission fee is graded according to age, instead of placing the entire fee to the credit of the Management Fund, only a sum equal to that charged for an initiate of twenty-one should be so applied, the remainder to be divided between the Benefit and Relief Funds in the same proportion as dues. Other receipts to be applied as the Subordinates may determine.²

¹ S. J., 14686, 14948, 15019; see Sec. 387, *supra*.

² S. J., 8986, 9085.

1436. That the *Special Funds of a Subordinate should be kept separate and intact*; and that when a deficiency occurs in any of them it should be replenished by assessments or otherwise, but not by drawing on or borrowing from other funds.¹

TABLE H.

1437. Showing expectation of life and sickness, with dues graded according to age at admission. Sick benefits \$4.00 per week; funeral benefits \$40.00.

Age	Expectation of Life-Years and Decimals.	Expectation of Sickness for that Year-Weeks and Decimals.	Quarter's Dues.
21	41.5	.450	\$1.50
22	40.8	.455	1.53
23	40.2	.460	1.56
24	39.5	.465	1.59
25	38.8	.470	1.61
26	38.1	.476	1.64
27	37.4	.483	1.67
28	36.7	.491	1.70
29	36.	.499	1.74
30	35.3	.509	1.77
31	34.6	.520	1.81
32	33.9	.532	1.85
33	33.2	.542	1.89
34	32.5	.560	1.93
35	31.8	.578	1.97
36	31.1	.599	2.01
37	30.3	.624	2.06
38	29.6	.653	2.11
39	28.9	.686	2.16
40	28.2	.723	2.22
41	27.4	.763	2.28
42	26.7	.803	2.34
43	26.	.843	2.40
44	25.3	.885	2.48
45	24.5	.930	2.56
46	23.8	.980	2.63
47	23.1	1.035	2.71
48	22.4	1.095	2.80
49	21.6	1.166	2.89
50	20.9	1.230	2.99
51	20.2	1.308	3.09
52	19.5	1.396	3.21
53	18.8	1.494	3.32
54	18.1	1.604	3.45
55	17.4	1.730	3.59
56	16.7	1.875	3.75
57	16.	2.040	3.90
58	15.4	2.230	4.05
59	14.7	2.450	4.25
60	14.1	2.700	4.45 ²

¹ S. J., 8986, 9085.² S. J., 8984, 9085.

1438. Non-payment of dues, disability therefrom; dropping and reinstatement thereafter.

CLAUSE 1. A member of the Order who becomes in arrears for dues for the period of one year may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

CLAUSE 2. A member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in the Lodge or Encampment from which he has been suspended or dropped, within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one year's dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the local law.

CLAUSE 3. After one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, or such less sum as the By-Laws may prescribe.

CLAUSE 4. A member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues who makes application for reinstatement and for a withdrawal card, for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a final card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of a card.

CLAUSE 5. A member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues after five years' suspension, wishing to join a Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

CLAUSE 6. A Lodge or an Encampment, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at the discretion of the Lodge or Encampment, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a member to join a Lodge in the same jurisdiction before the five years have expired.

CLAUSE 7. A member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction than that in which he was suspended or dropped, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment to which he belonged shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

CLAUSE 8. In all cases wherein a Lodge or Encampment has refused to reinstate a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

CLAUSE 9. Where the books of an extinct Lodge or Encampment have been lost or destroyed, the Grand Secretary or Grand

Scribe, as the case may be, upon being satisfied of the good standing of any member of such extinct Lodge or Encampment, may issue to him a withdrawal card. Where the books of a defunct Lodge or Encampment are in the possession of a Grand Scribe or Grand Secretary, he may issue cards to former members of the defunct Subordinate; such cards shall have the same privilege as an expired card issued by any existing Subordinate.

CLAUSE 10. Dismissal certificates may be received upon deposit in any Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, but the privilege of visiting a Lodge or Encampment shall not be awarded to the holder of a dismissal certificate. The certificate shall be provided by the Grand Secretary of the S. G. L., and be sold as other supplies are sold, and at the same rate as cards.

CLAUSE 11. All laws, by-laws or provisions thereof that are inconsistent with the above general laws, conditions and regulations, are hereby abrogated or repealed. ¹

1439. When any member of a Lodge shall neglect or refuse to pay the dues fixed by the laws for the space of one year, the Secretary shall report the same to the N. G.; and unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended or dropped (he having been first notified of the action that would be taken), a record of which shall be made upon the minutes. The mere fact of a member being over twelve months in arrears shall not constitute him a suspended or dropped member. To render him such, the Lodge must formally declare him to be suspended. ²

1440. Arrears in dues.—Any member who shall become in arrears for the dues and assessments accruing against him during the period of one full year shall, after having been notified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, Article III, Section 6, ³ be declared by the N. G. dropped from membership, unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct. ⁴

1441. In suspending a member for non-payment of dues it is not necessary that a ballot be taken. Any action of the Lodge whereby the sense of the Body is reached and declared and made a matter of record is sufficient. ⁵

1442. Dropping is by the following procedure, which may be at a regular or special meeting: The Permanent Secretary must from time to time report to the N. G. the names of duly notified members who have become in arrears for dues accruing during a period of twelve months; the N. G. must announce the same to the Lodge; and unless the Lodge direct otherwise ⁶ he shall declare the

¹ Session of S. G. L., 1880; S. J. 8487, 8699, 8767.

² C., 757; S. J., 7505.

³ C., 297.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 1.

⁵ S. J., 8141, 8182.

⁶ C., 758.

members named dropped from membership for non-payment of dues and the Secretary must enter the same upon the records of the Lodge. ¹

1443. A Lodge cannot refuse to receive in full or in part, the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues unless at the time of his suspension he shall be indebted to the Lodge for one year's dues. ²

1444. A dropped member is not entitled to burial as an Odd Fellow, nor to any honors as a member. ³

1445. Legal dropping.—The Constitution requires ⁴ two things for a legal dropping: first, a year's arrears; second, proper notification. ⁵ A Lodge may not drop a brother for less than the dues accruing during a whole year. If a brother's account is paid up to January 1st of any year, he cannot be twelve months in arrears on the 31st of December of that same year; the account must have run for one year before he is one year in arrears. ⁶

1446. Term password.—A member of a Subordinate Lodge who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks is not entitled to the term password, or to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but is a contributing member until suspended, dropped or expelled in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge shall so provide; nor then, until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty, not to exceed thirteen weeks. ⁷

1447. The phrase "thirteen weeks in arrears" must be interpreted as meaning all dues, assessments and fines that have accrued during a period of thirteen weeks. The time is an essential element in the case; a brother cannot owe thirteen weeks dues until thirteen weeks from the day when there began to be a balance of account against him. The phrase "one year's dues" must be interpreted similarly. ⁸

1448. Only one notification to a member is required by law before dropping him, namely: that required in Section 297, that he is eleven months in arrears. Then the list of notified delinquents shall be handed to the N. G. one month after the notifica-

¹ C., 760.

² S. J., 7505.

³ C., 762.

⁴ C., 758.

⁵ Secs. 767, 768.

⁶ C., 763.

⁷ S. J., 7505; see Sec. 364, *supra*.

⁸ C., 765.

tion, and that officer shall declare them dropped, unless the Lodge orders otherwise. If he omits his duty then, it may come up at any subsequent meeting, when all may be dropped who have not meanwhile paid enough to reduce their dues to less than one year's account. If, after the notification required by law, a brother pays so much of his dues that the remainder is less than what has accrued in a year's time, and then pays no more until a year's dues have accrued again, notification must be renewed before dropping him. But a duly notified member one year in arrears may be dropped at any time; or he may pay up and hold his membership at any time before the action of the Lodge. ¹

1449. Notice of arrearage.—From time to time, as they fall into arrears, the Permanent Secretary must notify in writing all members who are in arrears for eleven months' dues. The notices must be delivered in person if practicable; if not, then they are to be sent by mail. Substantially, the notice must be this: "You are in arrears to the Lodge for eleven months, amounting to \$——, and are liable to be dropped after one month." The purpose of this notice is to give the brother warning, and it is necessary in order to legalize a dropping for non-payment of dues. ²

1450. Examination of accounts by brother is not notice.—When a brother, eleven months in arrears, is present in the Lodge and examines the books of the Permanent Secretary, and is shown the state of his account, he is not duly notified under Article III, Section 6, of the Constitution, ³ as the Constitution requires a delivered or mailed written notice. ⁴

1451. A member cannot be dropped for non-payment of dues whilst a Lodge is indebted to him for unpaid benefits, reported to be due, of sufficient amount to reduce the indebtedness of the member within the limit of the constitutional provision, even though he has refused the amount offered because he claimed a larger amount, ⁵ nor if the Lodge is owing him sufficient to make him if credited in good standing. ⁶ Dues actually accrued should be deducted from the indebtedness. ⁷

1452. A brother's rights to benefits or to vote cannot be curtailed by reason of non-payment, if it is proved that he offered to pay his dues and assessments, but could not because the proper officer was not present to receive them, unless the brother at a subsequent meeting, when the officer was present, has failed to pay said indebtedness. ⁸

¹ C., 766.

² C., 767; see Sec. 305, *supra*.

³ *Id.*

⁴ C., 768.

⁵ S. J., 1633, 1655.

⁶ S. J., 6322, 6240.

⁷ S. J., 9736.

⁸ C., 770.

1453. A delinquent member's dues may not be added to or increased beyond the regular rate as a punishment for such delinquency. ¹

1454. Dismissal certificates shall be granted by this Lodge, and issued by the N. G. and Secretary without vote of the Lodge, upon proper written application therefor, and the payment of one dollar, in these cases: (1) To a member dropped for five years who wishes to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction, which fact shall appear in the application; (2) To any dropped member wishing to join a Lodge in another jurisdiction, which fact shall appear in the application; (3) To any dropped member to whom reinstatement has been refused.

The Lodge may, in its discretion, by a majority vote of the members present, also grant such certificates to members who have been dropped for a less time than five years, who wish to join Lodges in this jurisdiction. ²

1455. Form of; dismissal certificates shall be in the form following, to-wit:

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern,

Fraternally greeting.

This certifies that.....was admitted to membership in.....No.....at.....in the State of....., on the.....day of....., 18....., and by.....and that he retained his membership in said.....until the.....day of....., 18....., when he was suspended for non-payment of dues, and he is entirely dismissed from membership in said.....

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the.....this.....day of....., A. D. 18....

.....N. G.
.....Sec'y. ³

1456. The holder of a dismissal certificate regularly issued by a Lodge or Encampment may deposit the same in any other Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the jurisdiction in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe; but he shall not be required to be in possession of the A. T. P. W.; nor can he visit a Lodge or Encampment by virtue of such certificate. ⁴

1457. It is wholly improper for a Lodge to give notice to other Lodges in case of dropping for non-payment of dues, as it does in cases of rejection, expulsion and suspension for causes. ⁵

¹ C., 771.

² Sub. C., Art. IX, Sec. 5.

³ S. J., 4849, 4893. This form can be procured only from the G. S. under the seal of Lodge.

⁴ Sov. By-Laws, Art. XIV.

⁵ C., 775.

1458. No member shall be reinstated after having been dropped for non-payment of dues for less sums than are herein provided, viz.: Under Article VIII, Section 1, of this Constitution, the amount of one year's dues, neither more nor less; under Article VIII, Section 2, the same fee as is charged for an initiate of the same age, or such lesser sum (not less than one year's dues) as the By-Laws may prescribe; under Article VIII, Section 4, the amount of one year's dues and the price of a card.¹

1459. Manner of reinstatement.—A brother dropped for non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge may, within one year after being dropped, be reinstated upon application made in open Lodge by a member thereof, which shall be held over until the second meeting thereafter, the Secretary reading the same at each meeting, and be determined affirmatively on a ballot by a majority of the votes cast, and upon payment of such amount as the By-Laws of the Lodge may prescribe ("one year's dues, neither more nor less," under Section 776).²

1460. Application for reinstatement.—If a brother dropped for non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge shall, after one year from being dropped, make application for reinstatement, his application shall be treated like a proposition for membership by initiation, except that the vote of a majority on ballot shall reinstate him.³

1461. A brother dropped from membership in this Lodge who may have been in membership in the Order for five consecutive years, and who may be over fifty years of age, may be reinstated as a non-beneficial member by a majority on ballot. His application must state age, occupation and residence, and be disposed of as required in the preceding section.⁴

1462. A brother dropped from membership in this Lodge who shall, at any time within five years from being dropped, make written application for reinstatement and a withdrawal card for the purpose of joining another Lodge in Illinois, may be reinstated and granted a withdrawal card by a majority of votes upon the ballot; and the reinstating vote shall grant the card also, without further ballot. But such application may, at the option of the Lodge, be referred to a committee for investigation, and shall be reported upon and acted on as soon thereafter as practicable.⁵

1463. A written application for reinstatement is essential; a verbal application by one member for another in open Lodge, with payment or tender of the necessary amount, is not sufficient.⁶

¹ Sub. C., Art. X, Sec. 4.

² Sub. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 1.

³ Sub. C. Art. VIII, Sec. 2.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 3.

⁵ Sub. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 4.

⁶ Sub. C., Art. VIII.

1464. Members expelled for non-payment of dues, before such expulsion was forbidden, shall be reinstated as dropped members. ¹

1465. Rate of dues at reinstatement.—When a person is to be reinstated on the payment of one year's dues, the rate of dues at the time of reinstatement is the standard, and not the rate at time when he was dropped. ²

1466. Black-balled.—When a member ceases membership for non-payment of dues and afterwards petitions for reinstatement, pays the amount due the Lodge, and is then black-balled, the Lodge must return to him said amount. ³

1467. When a reinstatement is perfected by payment of the money and vote of the Lodge, it cannot be reconsidered or annulled. ⁴

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¹ C., 782.

² C., 783.

³ S. J., 4871, 4896.

⁴ C., 785.

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1469. It is the moral duty of every Lodge to see that the brother in distress be attended to, and a Lodge or member would fail in their duty should they neglect to do so. ¹ It is the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of his own jurisdiction, to give attention and care to his brethren in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; and further,

It is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch with the sick who, like himself, are away from home and their own jurisdiction; and any such member so failing to report shall not be entitled to affiliation with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy brother. ²

1470. The payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship, which, combined with the moral precepts and teachings of the Order, has made our organization so eminently successful. ³

1471. Brothers in arrears.—It is a fundamental principle in Odd Fellowship that a brother in arrears for dues who is not dropped, is entitled to be visited by the officers of his Lodge, and to be cared for in sickness, although he may not be entitled to pecuniary benefits; and any provision to the contrary in any constitution or by-laws is void. ⁴

1472. Minimum benefits.—It is obligatory upon each Subordinate Lodge of the Order to pay from its funds, during the continuance of the disability, a weekly benefit of not less than two dollars to every member entitled to sick benefits by the Constitution or By-Laws of his Lodge who shall be disabled by sickness or bodily injury from following his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood for himself; *Provided*, such disability be not the result of his own

¹ S. J., 4391.

² S. J., 10990, 11028.

³ S. J., 4177, 4197.

⁴ C., 544.

vice or immorality; *Provided, however*, that Subordinate Grand Lodges may provide that when a member shall have received one full year's benefits the weekly benefits thereafter to such member may be fixed at not less than one dollar per week; *Provided further*, that any Subordinate Lodge may provide by By-Law that no benefits shall be paid for the first one week or two weeks of such sickness or disability.¹

1472 a. This law takes precedence over all existing laws, in so far as its provisions conflict with the same.² It applies only to Subordinate Lodges.

1473. The laws of the Order contemplate the payment of benefits to all members in good standing, but said laws also leave it with State authorities to prescribe when the benefits are to be given. A State Grand Body may say that no brother shall receive benefits until he shall have attained the Scarlet Degree; and also that card members shall not become entitled to benefits until they shall have been members for six months or more after depositing, or that they may be entitled to benefits immediately. A brother taken sick before he has been a member six months under a By-Law requiring six months' membership before being entitled to benefits, is entitled to benefits if the sickness continues as soon as and from the time the six months expire.³

1474. A member cannot become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge so provide; nor then until the expiration of such time thereafter, not to exceed thirteen weeks, as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.⁴

1475. A Lodge must fix in its By-Laws some certain and uniform rate of benefits, conformed to the Constitution (Section 364); and when the rate is settled by such By-Law, the right to claim benefits is one possessed by every member of the Lodge, when duly qualified otherwise as required by law, without regard to either the amount or source of his income or nature of his occupation; and the duty to pay the said allowance is the same in all cases. A member is entitled to pecuniary benefits while sick and unable to attend to his ordinary vocation, although he may have an income sufficient for his support. It is not legal for a Lodge to suspend the payment of sick or funeral benefits for any purpose or for any length of time, or to strike from its laws all provision for payment of benefits.⁵

1476. Rate of benefits.—Every beneficiary member of this Lodge, in case of sickness or disability not caused by vice or immoral-

¹ S. J., 13054, 13055, 15062, 15091.

² S. J., 12787, 12798, 13150, 13194.

³ S. J., 5280, 5475, 5841, 5919, 5950, 14682, 15019.

⁴ S. J., 7505.

⁵ C., 546; S. J., 6350.

ity on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Lodge such weekly benefits as may be fixed by the By-Laws, not less than two dollars a week, if of the Third Degree. But no sick benefits shall be allowed for less than a week's sickness, or for the fractional part of a week. ¹

1477. A beneficiary member shall be any one who has been for six months a member by initiation of this Lodge (or of the Order, if admitted to membership in this Lodge upon an unexpired withdrawal card), as an Ancient Odd Fellow, or by reinstatement after dropping or expulsion, who is not more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues. A member reinstated after suspension for cause, shall be beneficiary immediately on reinstatement, subject to the provisions herein in relation to dues; *Provided*, however, that this Lodge, by proper by-law, may enact that if a member shall become non-beneficiary by reason of being more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, he shall, before he can become beneficiary, pay all arrears for dues, assessments and fines; and such by-law may further provide that, as a penalty, such non-beneficiary member shall not become beneficiary for a period subsequent to such payment not exceeding thirteen weeks. ²

1478. Distinction of terms.—There is much confusion regarding the use of the terms "beneficial," "non-beneficial," "beneficiary" and "non-beneficiary." Formerly a "beneficial" member was entitled to benefits in case of sickness; one not "beneficial," a member not entitled to benefits when sick, on account of some disability, and in that sense it is used in the Illinois Journals. In 1870 the S. G. L. created a new kind of membership, called "non-beneficial." From this time confusion began. To avoid this, our new Constitution for Subordinates uses "beneficiary" instead of "beneficial." The terms as now used may be defined as follows:

(1.) A "non-beneficial" member is one who cannot under any circumstances receive benefits, and who joins the Lodge as such non-beneficial member.

(2.) A "beneficial" member may or may not be entitled to receive benefits, contingent upon his good standing, etc., etc. When entitled to benefits he is a "beneficiary" member (see Constitution, Article X, Section 8); when not entitled to benefits, for any reason, he is "non-beneficiary;" that is, "beneficial" members are divided into two classes, "beneficiary," and those "not beneficiary." Under Article X, Section 8, an initiate is a "beneficial" member and pays the regular dues, but he becomes "beneficiary" only when six months a member. Briefly, a "beneficiary" is one who is actually entitled to benefits if he should be taken sick; a "beneficial" member is anyone who is not admitted to the Lodge as "non-beneficial." ³

¹ Sub. C., Art. X, Sec. 9; see Sec. 365, *supra*.

² Sub. C., Art. X, Sec. 8.

³ Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 4.

1479. A Lodge may provide in its By-Laws that members shall attain one or more of the degrees before becoming entitled to benefits. It may provide that a member whose account is kept paid up promptly shall receive larger benefits than one who is delinquent in that respect. If the By-Laws have not provided rates of benefits, except for members of the Third Degree,, the Lodge must allow a beneficiary of lower grade at least the minimum named in the Constitution. Nor may the Lodge require attendance at its meetings as a condition of benefits.¹

1480. A Subordinate is compelled to pay to its sick beneficiary members continuous weekly benefits of some stipulated amount. A By-Law may not be enacted limiting the number of weeks in any one term or in any one year during which it will pay benefits, less than the whole number of weeks the member may have been sick.²

1481. The payment of weekly benefits may not be suspended by a Subordinate Lodge. A Grand Lodge or Grand Master has no power to grant a dispensation for such purpose.³

1482. A Lodge may reduce its rates of benefits and enforce the By-Law upon all, including any brother who is receiving benefits at the time.⁴

1483. A Lodge must not grant benefits to any one not legally qualified to claim them. A donation from the treasury may be granted to a sick brother as a charity, if in need or distress; but it cannot be given as benefits.⁵

1484. In computing benefits, parts of days or weeks are not recognized.—No benefits are payable to one sick less than one week. Seven days and not six working days constitute a week.⁶

1485. A Lodge cannot enact a By-Law providing for the payment of half benefits, unless the benefits provided by its By-Laws are at least double the sum fixed as the minimum rate of benefits in the Constitution.⁷

1486. The vote of a Subordinate Lodge granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor severs the connection of such brother with the Lodge, and relieves it from all liability for benefits, whether the card is actually taken or not.⁸ Nor is the Lodge liable where the brother has paid his dues in advance beyond the date of his withdrawal. Such are to be refunded. And when the holder of a withdrawal card deposits it for membership in a Lodge, his right

¹ C., 549.

² S. J., 8364, 8469; see Sec. 1472, *supra*.

³ S. J., 2831.

⁴ S. J., 8330, 8439.

⁵ C., 554.

⁶ S. J., 7057, 7083.

⁷ C., 556.

⁸ S. J., 916.

to benefits there depends upon its laws.¹ A brother seeking to change his membership under the laws of 1880, 1884, 1885, by depositing his visiting card, and being elected, sickens and dies after his Lodge votes a withdrawal card, but before it reaches the Lodge electing him, he not having signed the Constitution and By-Laws, nor paid the admission fee, is not entitled to sick or funeral benefits from either Lodge.²

1487. A member of a Subordinate Lodge can decline to receive sick benefits which are due to him, said act being in fact a donation by him to the Lodge. After the reception of such declination by his Lodge, in the absence of local legislation, he is forever debarred from further right to demand said benefits.³

1488. A brother who is beneficiary when taken sick is entitled to benefits during such sickness, although within one week he may become three months in arrears for dues.⁴

1489. A member does not cease to be beneficiary until he owes dues accruing during more than thirteen weeks, and "more than thirteen weeks' dues," means the first regular meeting after he owes thirteen full weeks.⁵

1490. Brother while sick cannot reinstate himself to benefit by payment.—If a brother has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred by the rules of his own Subordinate from drawing benefits while sick, he cannot be permitted, while he continues sick, to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits.⁶ And this is true even where the By-Laws of his Lodge read that every member against whom there is no charge shall be entitled to benefits,⁷ but a non-beneficiary brother taken sick and afterwards paying his dues is entitled to sick benefits for any other and different disability with which he may become afflicted and not caused by vice or immorality.⁸

1491. A member who is to become beneficiary in due course of law and lapse of time on a certain day, falls sick before that day, remaining sick until after that day, in that case he is entitled to benefits during that illness from the day he became legally beneficiary.⁹

1492. Indebtedness by Lodge.—A member does not become in arrears to his Lodge so as to be deprived of benefits so long as the Lodge is indebted to him for unpaid benefits, even if of unsettled amount, provided they cover his arrears so far as to make him ben-

¹ C., 557.

² S. J., 14681, 15019.

³ S. J., 8343, 8461.

⁴ S. J., 8344, 8461.

⁵ C., 560

⁶ S. J., 1318.

⁷ S. J., 2859, 2925, 2963; Ill. J., 1896, 108, 337.

⁸ Case 90, Ill. J., 1895, 78, 256.

⁹ C., 562.

efficient. Nor can he become in arrears while under the care of the Lodge, as the Lodge must see that he receives his benefits, deducting the amount of his dues.¹ Should it not do so and he again becomes sick within thirteen weeks he would be entitled to benefits.²

1493. A member may not claim benefits:

- (1.) If he is a non-beneficial member.
- (2.) If he is more than thirteen weeks in arrears when taken sick. He may not claim to be exempt from this rule on the grounds that he was wrongly charged with a fine or assessment which he had paid without objection when settling his accounts;³ nor on the ground that he sent in his dues by a brother who failed to pay them. But in case of any mistake on the part of the Lodge or its Secretary, he can claim such exemption.
- (3.) For age and indigence merely,⁴ when uncomplicated with other disability.
- (4.) If he is placed in quarantine, but is not sick.⁵
- (5.) If his sickness is caused by vice or immorality, or breach of the laws of the State.
- (6.) If he has renounced the Order, his claim ceases for all time after the renunciation,⁶ unless the same shall be afterwards recalled or condoned.
- (7.) If the By-Laws require notice sent to the Lodge or Visiting Committee, and he has not used reasonable diligence to give notice, but insanity and other incapacity will excuse.⁷
- (8.) If he has allowed himself to be reported "out of care," and has made no further claim for attention,⁸ after having received, under seal, notice of such report.
- (9.) If he has donated to the Lodge the benefits claimed by declining in writing to receive them.
- (10.) If the disability is his being crippled, and deliberately and finally, after due time for consideration, he refuses to allow such operation, not dangerous, as is necessary to remove his disability, when advised by competent surgical authority; *Provided*, the Lodge shall first, and for a reasonable time, have forwarned him that refusal will stop benefits.⁹
- (11.) If injured in a quarrel, unless blameless.¹⁰
- (12.) If suspended for cause.

¹ C., 563; S. J., 1634, 1655, 2291, 2341, 2764, 2810.

² Case 59, Ill. J., 1894, 898; *Id.*, 1895, 72, 256.

³ S. J., 5954.

⁴ S. J., 8069, 8173, 9800; see Duane L. v. G. L. Ill. S. J., 10395, 10475; Galena L. v. same; S. J., 10396, 10442.

⁵ S. J., 8534, 8711, 8787.

⁶ S. J., 6612, 6690.

⁷ Marion L. v. G. L. Pa.; S. J., 2621, 2650; National L. v. G. L. N. Y., S. J., 3470, 3490.

⁸ S. J., 3360, 3380.

⁹ C., 564.

¹⁰ Martin v. Colfax L., Ill. J., VIII, 971.

(13.) If disease or disability existed or was contracted before membership.¹

(14.) If sickness or disability does not prevent the pursuit of usual vocation.²

1494. A Lodge may not refuse benefits in the following decided cases:

(1.) To a brother who is legally entitled to them, and has properly applied for them.

(2.) To a brother resident in a foreign country, if otherwise entitled to them at the time of his illness.

(3.) To a lunatic brother.³

(4.) To brother residing in a hazardous climate, if otherwise entitled. Change of residence does not affect right to benefits⁴ and right to benefits is not impaired by a hazardous change of occupation; for example, becoming a soldier.

(5.) To brothers in the army or navy, if otherwise entitled, upon due proof; nor to brothers diseased or disabled by service in the army or navy.

(6.) To funeral beneficiary of a brother in good standing who has committed suicide.⁵

(7.) To a member who holds a valid visiting card with indorsement of qualification, and who has received thereon benefits from another Lodge.⁶

(8.) To the funeral beneficiary of a brother deceased, against whom no charge was brought during his life, upon charges or allegations brought after his death.⁷

(9.) To a brother, otherwise entitled, not under charges for fraud, but who is indebted to the Lodge for money loaned on a note with security; the remedy of the Lodge is in a suit at law.

(10.) To a Secretary or other member, otherwise entitled, who is indebted to his Lodge for any sum of money other than his dues, assessments or fines.

(11.) To a member, otherwise entitled, but under charges, unless the charges bear upon the right to benefits. If he dies in these circumstances, all benefits are due to his funeral beneficiary.⁸

(12.) To a member, otherwise entitled, whose term of suspension for conduct unbecoming has expired.⁹

¹ S. J., 11256, 11331.

² S. J., 2797, 2829.

³ Sov. 2138, 8535; see Sec. 1497, *infra*.

⁴ Sov., 1739, 1886, 7401.

⁵ S. J., 807.

⁶ S. J., 3120, 3135, 3251, 3267.

⁷ S. J., 3122, 3135, 3565, 3588, 3601, 3679.

⁸ S. J., 2132, 2174, 7762, 7832.

⁹ S. J., 3836, 3847, 8715.

(13.) To a brother who is in arrears because misinformed by the Secretary as to the amount due from him, or from other neglect of the Lodge or Secretary.

(14.) To a brother in arrears to whom the Lodge still owes previous benefits enough to pay the arrears on account, or make him beneficiary. If an order for such benefits has been passed but not delivered, the Lodge is still indebted.

(15.) To a brother otherwise beneficiary because he has entered an alms house, or has become a charge upon the public against the wish of the Lodge.¹

(16.) A Lodge may not make deprivations of benefits a penalty for offense, nor inflict that disability for anything but non-payment of dues.²

(17.) To one otherwise entitled who is unable to attend to his usual vocation, on account of vaccination.³

(18.) To one contracting a contagious disease attending to his business or in line of duty.⁴

1495. Benefits refused, when appeal lies, and how taken.—

Where a Lodge continues to refuse benefits when due, the aggrieved may notify the Lodge in writing as follows:

ToLodge, No. I. O. O. F.:189..

BROTHERS:—I hereby notify you that I claim benefits for sickness from....., 189.., to, 189.., amounting to \$.....

(Signed.)A.....B.

Such notice presents a case for taking testimony by a commissioner, and for trial and adjudication by the Lodge from which an appeal lies.⁵

1496. When G. M. may order a Lodge to pay benefits. Upon petition by a brother to the G. M., the latter may, even after the time for appeal has elapsed, investigate the case as to a refusal of a Lodge to pay benefits and order the Lodge to pay them.⁶

1497. Benefits to an insane brother.—Benefits must be made to an insane brother as freely and as fully as in any other case of incapacity of obtaining a livelihood, and that the plea that benefits are not payable to the legal representatives of a member's estate does not avail while the member is still living,⁷ and in view of the further fact that weekly and funeral benefits of a deceased member belong to the widow, minor orphan or dependent relatives of the deceased brother, who are members of his family and dependent upon him,

¹ S. J., 3466.

² C., 565.

³ Ill. J., VII, 235.

⁴ Ill. J., VII, 235.

⁵ Case 122, Ill. J. 1896, 112, 335.

See Appeals, *infra*.

⁶ Case 47, Ill. J., IX, pp. 890, 1027.

⁷ S. J., 8953, 9081.

and not to the legal representatives,¹ the benefits should be paid to the persons who would be the beneficiaries in case the same were funeral benefits; *Provided*, however, that the insane brother must be dependent upon and cared for by such beneficiary, or beneficiaries, at the time the same are so paid; otherwise said benefits must be retained by the Lodge and expended by it solely for his use and benefit; so that in case of his recovery, it will be in position to show that, if not expended for his use and benefit, they have been retained for him, and should be, in such case, paid to him.²

1497 a. Benefits, how used. The Lodge acts as conservator.

—The Lodge should use the benefits: (1) For the care and support of the insane brother, so that he may not become chargeable to the state; (2) that the balance of the sick benefits, if any, should be by the Lodge used for the support and maintenance of the brother's wife and children. The wife need not be appointed conservator of the insane brother, in order to receive the sick benefits, if necessary for the support of herself and family. The Lodge would not be again liable for the sick benefits if the insane brother should recover his health.³

1498. By the general law, a soldier sick in a hospital for soldiers and there supported, is entitled to benefits if in good standing.⁴

1499. Benefits refused, procedure prescribed.—When a brother is reported sick, the Visiting Committee should make a report at each Lodge meeting of his condition until he is recovered, when the brother is declared off the sick list, and notified of such action, and if he is not satisfied he may present his claim to the Lodge; and the Lodge should, on notice, investigate the facts and hear what evidence the brother may offer to sustain his claim, as well as evidence offered against his claim. In other words, such a claim should be allowed or refused from evidence before the Lodge. The law provides how evidence may be taken in deposition form on both sides.⁵

1499 a. Notice.—In Odd Fellowship all parties must have an opportunity to be heard and present their case before a right should be denied.⁶

1499 b. Appeal.—When a brother presented his claim and it appears from the record that he was legally on the sick list and without notice to him or investigation the Lodge refused to allow the same, and it further appearing that his sickness was continuous, it was held that he was entitled to benefit.⁷

¹ S. J., 13557.

² Ill. J., Vol. IX, 141.

³ Ill. J., 1895, 243, 244, 245; S. J., 8953, 9081.

⁴ S. J., 14681, 15019.

⁵ Case 122, Ill. J., 1896, 114, 335.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Herdman v. Marion*, Lodge No. 13, Ill. J., 1896, Case 122, 114, 335; see Sec. 1495, *supra*.

1500. On the sick list.—A brother once placed upon the sick list cannot be taken therefrom without notice and investigation.¹ The Lodge has the right to investigate and adjudicate only after full notice and opportunity for defense.²

1501. The Visiting Committee may and should report when he is well, and when removed from the sick list. Notice of such removal should be sent him under seal of the Lodge.³

1502. Claimant's rights to sick benefits cannot be prejudiced by neglect of the Visiting Committee.⁴

1503. A brother in such condition of health as to incapacitate him from following any employment as an independent worker, but is receiving aid and assistance from others as a kindness rather than compensation for labor and for which labor others are responsible, is entitled to benefits.⁵

1504. A brother afflicted with partial loss of sight so as to be unable to follow his usual vocation, but is in good health and able to carry on or superintend another lucrative business which gives him ample support for himself and family, or a brother suffering with a chronic complaint, but is yet able to go to his place of business, manage it and participate in it to a degree, is not entitled to benefits.⁶

1505. A claimant for sick benefits must present his full claim to date; otherwise he is barred from future presentation, unless it be shown a mistake has been made, whereupon he may amend his claim either in his Lodge or upon appeal therefrom.⁷

1506. A claimant refused benefits may petition the Grand Master to investigate after the regular time of appeal has elapsed and the Grand Master may investigate and pass upon the merits of the case.⁸

1507. A Lodge may refuse the payment of sick benefits upon the report of its Visiting Committee, when the claimant presents no evidence of disability except a physician's certificate.⁹

1508. Waiver of benefits, void.—A Lodge has no right to initiate a person with a chronic disease, say consumption, upon the applicant signing an agreement not to claim benefits in consequence of sickness or disability from such disease. The agreement being void would not release the Lodge from the obligation to pay benefits, nor would the brother be liable to trial and expulsion for a violation of his agreement not to receive them.¹⁰

¹ S. J., 9329, 9442, 9683.

² Ill. J., 1891, 140.

³ Ill. J., Case 122, pp. 112, 335.

⁴ Case 90, Ill. J., 1895, 78, 256.

⁵ Case 139, Ill. J., 1896, 168, 335.

⁶ Ill. J., 1892, 412.

⁷ Ill. J., 1892, 411, 412.

⁸ Case 47, Ill. J., 1894, 890, 1027.

⁹ Case 85, Ill. J., 1895, 68, 256.

¹⁰ S. J., 4915, 4925.

1509. Aged Odd Fellows' Fund and Relief.—The several Grand Jurisdictions may, at their discretion, create, maintain and dispense an Aged Odd Fellows' Fund under the following provisions:

(1.) Hereafter all assets of Subordinate Lodges whose charters have been surrendered may be placed to the credit of a fund to be called and known as "Aged Odd Fellows' Fund."

(2.) Grand Secretaries shall keep a register to be known as the "Aged Odd Fellows' Register."

(3.) Any Odd Fellow over fifty years of age who has been in continuous membership for twenty-five years or over, and whose Subordinate Lodge has surrendered its charter, and who would, under the laws of the Grand Lodge, be entitled to receive a Grand Lodge Card, may petition the Grand Lodge to place his name upon the Aged Odd Fellows' Register. Said petition shall be accompanied by such a certificate of eligibility from such authority as the Grand Lodge may prescribe. Upon such petition being granted, the Grand Secretary shall place the name of such petitioner upon the Aged Odd Fellows' Register.

(4.) Any Odd Fellow enrolled according to the above provisions may apply for admission to any Subordinate Lodge, under the conditions hereinafter set forth.

(5.) Any Odd Fellow enrolled upon the Aged Odd Fellows' Register may be admitted to membership in a Subordinate Lodge. He shall pay to the Grand Secretary, through the Lodge to which he has been admitted, such admission fee and dues as the Grand Lodge may prescribe, said fee and dues to be placed to the credit of the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund.

(6.) Any Odd Fellow enrolled as above in a Subordinate Lodge as herein provided, who becomes sick or disabled so as to be incapable of earning a livelihood, shall receive from the Grand Secretary, through the Lodge to which he has been admitted, such weekly benefits as the Grand Lodge may prescribe, so long as the moneys collected under the provisions of the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund shall permit the payment of the same.

(7.) Subordinate Lodges shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary in all cases of sickness or disability referred to in the preceding section of their commencement and termination, and the Grand Secretary shall notify Lodges having members on the Aged Odd Fellows' Register, when the said fund shall be depleted.

(8.) A member of a Subordinate Lodge, admitted under the above provisions, shall not be entitled to vote or speak on any question involving the disposition of the funds or property of the Lodge.

(9.) Upon the death of an aged Odd Fellow, enrolled as above, and who shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund, there shall be paid, as funeral expenses, such sum as the Grand Lodge may prescribe, so long as the moneys collected under the provisions of the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund shall permit the payment.

(10.) No Lodge receiving such members, as above provided, shall be liable for the payment of any sick benefits or funeral expenses, to or on account of such members; nor shall any such member be required to pay any dues or assessments to such Subordinate Lodge, except for the benefit of the Aged Odd Fellows' Fund. ¹

1510. Must pay amount warranted by card.—If a Lodge gives a visiting card in place of a withdrawal card by mistake, and another Lodge gives relief thereon, the Lodge issuing the card must pay the amount warranted by the card. ²

1511. When benefits have been withheld through mistake as to facts or law, and the error is ascertained, the benefits must pass to the credit of the member, to be paid to him or his family; and any suspension, disability or disqualification arising from the error or its consequences, must be revoked or set aside. ³

1512. Benefits not to be granted, when.—To entitle a sick or disabled member to his benefits, besides being in good standing, it is also necessary that the sickness or disability should not have been caused by immorality. To ascertain this fact is the duty of the visiting officer. If the officer or relief committee find the brother suffering from a chronic complaint, but yet able to go to his place of business, superintend it, and participate in it to a degree it is *prima facie* evidence that he is not entitled to benefits. Or, if he is able to manage, carry on and direct another lucrative business, not being able to follow his usual occupation on account of a partial loss of sight, he is not entitled to benefits. Where the sickness is caused by immorality, the fact is ascertained by the usual method of investigation, and not by charges and trial; and the Lodge being satisfied, after a hearing, that the applicant is not entitled, is justified in withholding payment. If the cause of the sickness is such as is proper to subject the offender to the penal provisions of the law, charges should be preferred under the Constitution. ⁴

1513. Any fraudulent misrepresentation of his age by a person seeking admission into the Order, whereby membership therein is illegally obtained, or obtained for a less consideration than the law of the Lodge requires, shall discharge the Lodge from any and all responsibilities growing out of the initiation of the person in question from and after the time such fraud shall be discovered, and proved or determined, upon a fair investigation and upon competent testimony. It is legal to investigate and determine the fact of such fraud, even after the death of the party alleged to be guilty thereof, provided due notice of such investigation is given to the representatives or family of the deceased claiming benefits. ⁵

¹ S. J., 14942, 15018.

⁴ S. J., 5838, 5878.

² C., 566.

⁵ S. J., 3601, 3679.

³ C., 567; S. J., 2790, 2808, 2827, 2830.

1514. A Lodge may require notice to be given it for a demand for sick benefits, and it has the right to impose a penalty for neglect by a member claiming sick benefits, to inform the Lodge of his sickness and claim for benefits.¹ But where the sickness or disability is of such a character that the brother cannot reasonably be expected to send such notice, his failure in that respect will not invalidate his claim.²

1515. The notice of sickness required to be given³ by a brother may be given in open Lodge, or to the N. G., or to the V. G., or the Visiting Committee.⁴

1516. It is legal and proper to pay benefits due to a sick brother to his wife during his sickness, if she is a member of his family.⁵

1517. A Noble Grand must sign an order for benefits which has been passed by the Lodge, even though an appeal against the action of the Lodge is taken, unless a stay of proceedings is granted in legal manner.⁶

1518. When a Lodge has refused a claim for benefits, any appeal from such decision must be taken within the time (three months) allowed for the institution of other appeals. An abandoned claim after that time may not be revived.⁷

1519. A brother having made a claim on his Lodge, but subsequently appealing from its decision, and finding himself to have erred in stating the amount of his claim before his Subordinate, has the right to cite his claim in corrected form before the Superior Body.⁸

1520. To the extent that a Lodge binds itself for benefits to its members by its By-Laws, so it is bound, and no further, when the same are paid or rendered, as pecuniary or attentive by another Lodge; and any excess in money or services creates no legal obligation; and the claim therefor by the Lodge paying the money or performing the service, on account of a transient or visiting brother, cannot be enforced against his Lodge.⁹ But a Lodge which directs another Lodge to care for and advance benefits at a stipulated rate for a sick member is bound to pay them.¹⁰

1521. Must pay for nurse and watchers, when.—The endorsement of a brother's card that his Lodge does provide for hiring a nurse is to be regarded by any Lodge or Relief Committee as

¹ S. J., 8643, 8707.

² S. J., 2621, 2650.

³ Sec. 386, *supra*.

⁴ C., 573.

⁵ C., 574.

⁶ C., 575; S. J., 7375, 7473.

⁷ C., 576, 3383, 5923, 5951.

⁸ S. J., 2791, 2827.

⁹ S. J., 8464, 8483.

¹⁰ Case 48, Ill. J., IX, 884, 1022.

authority to hire a nurse for a transient sick brother, when the nature of the sickness requires such nurse's attention. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, when he issues a visiting card, to endorse thereon the character of attentive benefit allowed by the By-Laws of such Lodge, and if such By-Laws allow the hiring of nurses during sicknesses, such fact shall also be stated, together with the compensation allowed per night for such nurses, which endorsement shall be signed by such Secretary, with the seal of the Lodge attached. A Lodge or a Relief Committee which provides for nursing its own members by draft, cannot hire a nurse for a transient sick brother who is not afflicted with a contagious malady, unless authorized by the Lodge of which such transient sick brother is a member. But it is a sacred duty, enjoined by the principles and laws of the Order, that every Lodge or Relief Committee must care for a transient sick and disabled brother, in the same manner that they care for their own members. No Lodge or Relief Committee that cares for its members by draft shall be liable for the payment of nurse hire, unless said Lodge or Relief Committee shall have first authorized the payment of the same. A Lodge shall not be required to pay for nursing its members when out of its jurisdiction, a sum in excess of the provisions of its By-Laws, or in excess of the sum which the Lodge or Relief Committee, in whose care the brother may be, is in the habit of paying for such service for its own sick members. A Lodge shall not be permitted to provide for non-payment of a nurse for one of its members, when out of its own jurisdiction, when it provides for hiring nurses for its members who are within its jurisdiction.¹ The By-Laws of a Lodge providing for hiring watchers and the amount to be paid when a brother is sick at home, though silent as to this sickness when absent, authorizes a Lodge having the brother in charge, away from his home, to pay for watchers the same amount.²

1522. When a visiting card is issued by a Subordinate Lodge, the Secretary shall endorse upon it the amount of weekly and funeral benefits allowed by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge; and whether they care for members by appointment or by nurse (and if the latter, how much per night),³ it shall be bound for any relief extended to a brother holding such a card to the extent of the benefits so rendered.

Where a Subordinate Lodge or General Relief Committee is applied to for relief by a brother holding a card, such Lodge or General Relief Committee shall require the certificate of a respectable physician, showing the time that the brother has been sick, and shall take a draft upon his Lodge for whatever amount he may have received, which, with the certificate, shall be forwarded for pay-

¹ S. J., 13121, 13161.

² S. J., 14686, 15019; but see next Section.

³ S. J., 13070, 13157; see preceding Section.

ment; *Provided*, that in the event of the death of a brother, and his being buried by a Lodge or General Relief Committee, it shall only be necessary to forward the physician's certificate, or that of some other respectable citizen, together with his card and proper voucher for the amount so advanced. Payment of the same shall in all cases be promptly made.¹ If the card of a sojourning brother states that his Lodge pays for watchers, and the amount, the Lodge having the brother in charge, in case of sickness, has a right to pay not exceeding that amount, notwithstanding it may provide for watching with its own sick by draft of its members.²

1523. Statement in visiting card as to benefits. — The possession of a visiting card in date, stating the amount of benefits which the Lodge issuing such cards pays to a member in good standing when sick or disabled, and unable to follow his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood for himself, is sufficient authority to warrant the payment of sick benefits by a Lodge of the same or other jurisdiction, upon proper proof and satisfactory examination. *Provided*, that it shall be the duty of the Lodge receiving the card to immediately notify the Lodge issuing the card.³

1524. The certificate of a General Relief Committee under its seal is sufficient evidence that the committee has complied with the law in the payment of benefits on a visiting card; and Lodges must pay such claims without further evidence.⁴

1525. A Lodge giving relief to any one without the order from a Lodge, unless the same is paid for sick benefits evidenced by a card, cannot claim them and demand them refunded as benefits.⁵

1526. A Lodge is not responsible for money fraudulently obtained by one of its members from another Lodge.⁶

1527. In the case of the death of a beneficiary member of this Lodge, there shall be allowed not less than twenty dollars as a funeral benefit, and such further sum as may be necessary to pay funeral expenses; *Provided*, however, that in case the Lodge shall have expended money for funeral expenses with the consent of the family, then it may apply the funeral benefit toward the funeral expenses; *And provided further*, that no Lodge shall be held liable for a larger amount than sixty dollars for the funeral expenses of a deceased brother.⁷ The consent should be in writing.

1528. A Lodge may adopt a sliding or graduated scale of funeral benefits, according to advancement in the Order.⁸

¹ S. J., 2151, 2180.

² S. J., 14686, 15019.

³ S. J., 13096, 13157.

⁴ C., 580.

⁵ S. J., 7059, 7083.

⁶ S. J., 2826, 9358.

⁷ Ill. C., Sub. L., Art. X, Sec. 10.

Ill. J., IX, 142.

⁸ C., 584.

1529. There is a distinction between funeral benefits and funeral expenses. The funeral *benefit* should go to the family of the deceased, whether they incurred any expense in the burial or not; but any provision made by a Lodge for funeral *expenses* will require payment only when actual expense is incurred. When a brother holding a visiting card dies away from home and is buried by a Lodge, the Lodge can recover from his Lodge the amount of funeral expenses, at least to the amount authorized by the face of the card. ¹

1530. Suspension deprives a member of weekly benefits and of the right to be buried by his Lodge, and his family of the right to claim funeral benefits, and it continues for a definite period; but an unsuspended member who is not entitled to the term password or sick benefits may be entitled to burial in the event of death, by way of donation, but not to funeral benefits. ²

1531. The funeral benefit is to be paid to the family, or if that be divided, then to the party having care of the deceased and incurring the expenses of the funeral. ³

1532. Reasonable funeral expenses are the expenses incurred in preparing the body for burial and its removal to the place of burial, the preparation of the grave and the proper disposal of the body therein. But in funeral expenses are not included the hire of means of conveying brothers of the Order to the place of interment. It is the duty of a brother to attend the funeral of a deceased brother when informed of the funeral, and if an expenditure of money is necessary to do this duty he must make the expenditure, and cannot charge it to the Lodge as a part of the funeral expenses; but a Lodge may, by vote, authorize the employment of carriages or railroad cars to convey the members of the Lodge to the place of interment within the jurisdiction of the Lodge having charge of the funeral, or to a burial place of the community in which the Lodge is located, and pay the expenses thereof out of a special fund provided therefor, or out of the general fund as one of the necessary expenses of a Lodge, recognized and authorized by the laws of the Order; but this expense cannot be charged against the Lodge of the deceased brother as one of the funeral expenses, nor even with the consent or the family, be taken from the funeral benefit. ⁴

1533. The right of property to the funeral benefits is in the family of the deceased and not in the brother.—It does not begin to exist until after his death; and, therefore, no disposition of such a benefit can be made by him in his lifetime. ⁵

¹ C., 585; S. J., 3566, 3588; see Sec. 1545, *infra*.

² S. J., 13782, 14036, 14070.

³ See Sec. 1545, *infra*.

⁴ C., 588.

⁵ S. J., 2957, 2981.

1534. A Lodge can withhold funeral benefits when it can be clearly proved that the death was caused by vice or immorality of the deceased, and such proof can be brought after his death unless it has waived such right by not disciplining the brother. ¹

1535. Funeral expenses cannot be recovered when the Lodge has paid them by mistake or in ignorance of the circumstances. ²

1536. No benefits except those provided for in the Constitution may be granted; a Lodge may make a *donation* to a brother in need on the death of his wife, but not a benefit by *by-law*. ³

1537. A Lodge cannot make from its general fund a donation to pay funeral expenses of a former member who died an object of charity, nor can a Grand Master authorize the donation by dispensation. ⁴

1538. If the family of the deceased brother inform the officers of the Lodge that they do not wish the Lodge to perform the funeral services, nor attend the funeral except as citizens, the Lodge need not pay the funeral expenses. And if a Lodge is ready to give the deceased burial, and consults with friends and relatives and the Encampment as to the management and expense of the funeral, and after this, these parties, without consent of the Lodge, take the management and control of the funeral and bury the brother, then the Lodge is not liable for the funeral expense. ⁵

1539. Funeral expenses, participation with other persons or orders.—Where the By-Laws of the Lodge provide a specific sum, *e. g.*, \$30, for funeral expenses, either directly or to a relative or friend who has advanced them, although the brother dies leaving no dependent relatives or widow and sufficient estate to pay such expenses, provided the same have been incurred, the Lodge should pay to any person authorized the amount so prescribed. ⁶

1539 a. So, too, if a brother dies leaving no dependent relatives or widow and without sufficient estate to pay these expenses, then the Lodge should pay them to the party who has paid the same. ⁷

1539 b. Again, if the brother dies and leaves no dependent relatives or widow, and sufficient estate, and such expenses have been paid by funds received from other organizations or by his legal representative, then the Lodge is bound to pay the stipulated sum to the party paying the same. *Provided, however,* the brother was not buried at government expense or entitled to be buried at the expense of the Order which paid them, he being a member thereof. ⁸

¹ S. J., 5541.

² C., 591.

³ C., 592.

⁴ C., 593.

⁵ C., 594.; S. J., 7815.

⁶ S. J., 13989, 14065.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

1539 c. In such cases where the funeral ceremonies have been conducted by some other than our Order exclusively, then the liability of the Lodge under the By-Law does not attach; otherwise, where the Lodge either participates or exclusively conducts the said ceremonies, but such liability is limited by the maximum amount fixed by the By-Laws, not to exceed, of course, the actual amount of such expenses as paid as aforesaid. ¹

1540. Where a brother in good standing, a member of a Lodge which provides a fixed sum for funeral expenses, dies, his family is entitled to such amount for funeral expenses as the By-Laws of his Lodge prescribe, even though the Lodge did not authorize the expenditure of all or any part of the funeral expenses or as a Lodge attend his funeral. ²

1541. There is no general law of our Order requiring a Lodge to pay to the widow of a deceased brother any specific annuity. Lodges should, in such cases, be governed by the necessities of the recipient and their own ability, and their By-Laws; and a change in the By-Laws while any regular payment is going on may change the amount to be paid. Drafts for the benefit of widows and orphans are not *benefits* under our laws. The Lodge cannot inquire into a widow's conduct before her husband's death. ³

1542. The widow of a non-beneficial member is not entitled to a funeral benefit; but she is entitled to the care and protection of the brotherhood. ⁴

1543. Where orphans are placed under proper protection by a Lodge and are taken away by the mother without its consent, the Lodge is not relieved of responsibility. ⁵

1544. When a brother ceases to be a beneficiary member, all pecuniary benefits cease after as well as before death. Hence, the widow of a suspended member is not entitled to receive any allowance from the Lodge, and a Lodge cannot make a donation to her from its treasury, unless from a charity fund ⁶

1545. Beneficiaries of funeral benefit.—The only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow and orphans under twenty-one years of age, or dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death. Dependent relatives are relatives who were members of the family of the deceased, and were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of death. ⁷

¹ S. J., 13989, 14065.

² S. J., 7815, 7866.

³ S. J., 11308.

⁴ C., 596.

⁵ S. J., 7059, 7083.

⁶ C., 593, 594.

⁷ S. J., 13649, 13692.

1545 a. The G. L. has clearly stated who are beneficiaries of the funeral benefits,¹ and where there is left a widow who had lived with the deceased brother to the time of his death, she alone is entitled to the funeral benefits, and she alone can relinquish it to the Lodge. She has a right to use it as she may see fit, and should she use it to pay for a casket for the deceased brother the Lodge is not thereby relieved from funeral expenses.²

1545 b. Funeral benefits and expenses.—A By-Law, that if the widow shall refuse to allow the deceased brother to be buried with the funeral rites of this Order, then she shall forfeit all rights which she may have to the funeral benefits and expenses under the Subordinate Constitution, is illegal.³

1546. "Legal representatives" (meaning the executor or administrator of the estate) of a deceased brother are not recognized as having any claim upon the beneficiary dues of a member.⁴ If he have no immediate family, widow, child or other immediate family relative, who was before his death dependent on him for support, then he has left no one who has a legitimate claim upon the Order. If he leaves a father, mother, brother, sister, or other indigent relative, who is a member of another family, and was not in the lifetime of the deceased dependent upon him, such indigent relative has no lawful claim on the Lodge of the deceased, not having been a member of his family. The Lodge should pay money due on account of the deceased brother to the proper beneficiaries directly, and never to the personal or legal representative, as such.⁵

1547. A By-Law providing that in the event of the death of a member in good standing there shall be paid to those who defray the expenses of his burial an amount equivalent to the amount produced by a division of the invested funds, is illegal.⁶

1548. The term "sickness" implies that state of health which prevents one from attending to his ordinary vocation.⁷ But a brother who by infirmity has been disqualified from following his usual occupation, but is not thereby incapacitated from applying himself to other pursuits, and thus enabled to provide for his support, is not entitled to the benefits of the Lodge.⁸ It is the duty of a brother when he first claims benefits to show affirmatively that he is entitled to them.⁹ A brother who has become blind is *prima facie* entitled to benefits, although in other respects his bodily condition and health may be good.¹⁰

¹ S. G. L., 12786, 13557.

² Ill. J., IX, 142, 899, 1027.

³ Ill., Vol. VIII, 698, 702.

⁴ S. J., 6564, 6629.

⁵ S. J., 3120, 6564, 8189, 8210; see Sec. 1545, *supra*.

⁶ S. J., 8210, 8337, 8440.

⁷ S. J., 2763, 2783.

⁸ S. J., 2782, 2818.

⁹ S. J., 3570, 3588.

¹⁰ S. J., 8736, 8798.

1549. A brother who is suffering from a chronic complaint, but is yet able to go to his place of business, superintend it, and participate in it to a degree, is *prima facie* not entitled to benefits as a sick brother, although this presumption may be rebutted by positive evidence; the Subordinate Lodge to which a brother belongs, in the vicinity of which he resides and the members of which are acquainted with the witness produced, and under whose direction the testimony is taken, is the best judge of the weight of such testimony, and no appellate body, acting upon the inspection of the written testimony merely, ought to reverse the judgment of the Subordinate Lodge upon it, unless it clearly appears that the Subordinate Lodge has acted improperly, hastily, or in a spirit unworthy of our Order. ¹

1550. The Visiting Committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom shall be the N. G. They shall keep themselves informed at all times as to the condition of a brother who has been reported sick; they shall report to the Lodge what benefits he is entitled to; and they shall provide for his care and watch, as his case may require. If a member of another Lodge be sick and apply to this Lodge for relief, his case shall be referred to the Visiting Committee as if he were a member of this Lodge, and if he be entitled to receive benefits from his own Lodge, this Lodge shall advance the sum thus due him, and forward an account of the same to his Lodge without delay. The Lodge may, by By-Law, add to the number of this committee and prescribe more specific details of their duty; *Provided*, that in cities and towns having more than two Lodges the Relief Committee of the different Lodges may, if they see fit, appoint one of their number to act with a like number from the other Lodges in the city or town, as a special Visiting Committee, whose duties shall be the care of traveling or sojourning brothers who may be sick or disabled in the town or city where such Lodges exist. ²

1551. Watching with a sick brother is one of the sacred duties of an Odd Fellow, but if the sick brother suffers with a contagious disease, the Lodge may provide a watcher and pay him out of the general fund. The Lodge may, at its discretion, in other cases, employ professional nurses; and may provide in its By-Laws for an assessment to pay for the watching service generally. ³

1552. A Lodge must not only pay legal benefits and provide watchers when needed,⁴ but must render extraordinary assistance if a brother be destitute or in circumstances of distress. If the Lodge, recognizing such special duty and performance thereof, provide care by day, medicine, physician, or other aid, it may offset the sum so

¹ S. J., 2471, 2503.

² Ill. Sub. C., Art. IV, Sec. 3.

³ C., 604.

⁴ *Id.*

expended against the legal claim for benefits, in pursuance of the By-Laws of the Lodge, or by consent of the brother thereto. ¹

1553. A member who has been legally notified to watch with a sick brother must render this service, unless prevented by the sickness of himself or family, or excused by the proper authority; except that a practicing physician may be regularly exempted. No written notice is required from the Visiting Committee to watch with a sick brother; any notice received from the said committee should be sufficient. ²

1554. A non-beneficial member is entitled to watchers when sick. The Visiting Committee should take care of him. ³

1555. The Sovereign Grand Lodge commends the great work of the General Relief Associations, instituted by members of this Order, to the fostering care of the several State Grand Jurisdictions, and recommends such action as may induce each jurisdiction to make ample provision for compensating other jurisdictions for expenses paid and costs incurred in the relief of brothers in distress, who claim the same under a visiting card as brothers in good standing. ⁴

CARDS, VISITING, WITHDRAWAL AND RESIGNATION.

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¹ C., 605.

² C., 606.

³ C., 607.

⁴ C., 608; S. J., 6198, 6222.

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1556. Kinds of cards specified.—A card is a certificate of membership. Cards are of two kinds: (1) visiting, called also traveling; (2) withdrawal, called sometimes final, permanent or clearance. The visiting card is a certificate of membership in a Lodge, and avouches the good standing of the holder and his payment of dues up to a certain time, during which time he may visit Lodges by use of his card.¹ The withdrawal card is a certificate of membership in the Order,² but of withdrawal from a Lodge; it is current for visiting³ for one year only; it is also to be used in regaining membership in a Lodge. There are also visiting and withdrawal cards for Rebekah Lodges and dismissal certificates.⁴

1556a. Official certificate in lieu of visiting card.—The S. G. L. has prescribed that there be prepared the form of a certificate for dues, etc., to be recognized as evidence of good standing, when the holder desires to make visitation in another jurisdiction, in lieu of a visiting card. Said form of a certificate to be universal throughout all the jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only and legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges. The A. T. P. W., or a substitute therefor, to be communicated to every member when paying his dues, and the privilege to visit in another jurisdiction to depend upon his certificate, which shall bear his signature on the margin, the genuineness of which he must prove before the Examining Committee, and the proper password.

Said certificate to be sold by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of Subordinate Grand Bodies, and to the Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on this continent as regular supplies, conformable to the rules and regulations governing the sale of all supplies by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.⁵

The Committee on Printing Supplies was instructed to provide the aforementioned certificates and determine and fix the price for which the same are to be sold, and it was further

Resolved, That the holder of a certificate, as mentioned above, shall be considered to hold a proper card, as required under Article XVI, Section 1, of the Constitution.⁶

Provided, however, that the certificate shall not be so construed as to abolish or restrict the present use or purposes of the visiting card, or to abrogate any of the rights and privileges to which its holder is thereby entitled under the present laws of the Order; on the contrary, any brother who by the general laws of the Order is qualified to apply for the same shall be entitled to receive a visiting

¹ Sec. 128, *supra*; S. J., 677, 678.

² C., 361.

³ C., 519.

⁴ C., 773; Usage and Laws of S.G.L.

See Sec. 1564, *infra*.

⁵ S. J., 14953, 14954, 15068.

⁶ Sec. 128, *supra*; the form as provided is given in Sec. 1564, *infra*.

card as heretofore, and the holding of such visiting card shall be *prima facie* evidence of good standing in the Order; and it is further

Provided, that upon presentation of an official certificate, a Lodge or Encampment shall not be required to pay sick or funeral benefits or render other pecuniary aid to a member of another jurisdiction, unless so directed by the Lodge or Encampment of which the brother is a member, in which case such benefits or moneys paid shall constitute a legal claim against such Lodge or Encampment. ¹

1557. Introduction of a visiting brother.

The mode of examining a visiting brother before introduction is given in Section 1608, *infra*; but both the committee and the presiding officer often feel the lack of proper words to complete the introduction. The compiler suggests the following :

The committee, having announced themselves as the "committee with a visitor," are admitted, and, after the salutation, the chief of the committee says :

"Noble Grand, I have the pleasure of introducing to you and to the Lodge Brother....., of..... Lodge, No....., of the jurisdiction of....., who has this evening honored us with a visit."

The Noble Grand calls up, rises, and says :

"Brother....., we thank you for the honor of your visit this evening, and extend you a fraternal greeting. We trust you will visit us as often as convenient during your stay in our town. The committee will conduct Brother..... to a seat."

The chief of the committee, who should still retain the card, now takes it to the Secretary, who indorses on it :

"Visited..... Lodge, No....., at....., Ill....., 18....
..... Secretary."

1558. When a chevalier, as such, visits a Subordinate, he must be clothed in full uniform; either the "full dress" or "fatigue" will answer the law. A part will not. The law says he can wear the uniform, not a part of it. As well (before the abolition of the apron) might a brother have entered a Lodge with a collar and no apron, or with an apron and no collar, but it will not be pretended for a moment that this could have been done. The interests of the Order will be best served by keeping these two regalias entirely distinct. ²

1559. No brother can be admitted to visit or deposit his card in a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District or Territory where he resides, unless he presents a card or official certificate ³ as furnished under the signatures of the proper officers and seal of the Lodge or Encampment of which he is a member, and signed on the margin in his own proper handwriting, and prove himself in the A. T. P. W., and in the degree in which the Lodge is opened; *Provided*, nevertheless, a brother may always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative or any elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment within whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit or by District Deputy

¹ S. J., 14953, 14954, 15068.

³ S. J., 14953.

² S. J., 11095, 11405.

Grand Sire, in jurisdictions where no Grand Body exists, Grand Representatives of either branch being hereby authorized to introduce visiting brothers into both Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in their several jurisdictions; but in all such cases the presiding officer of the same shall be satisfied that the brother introducing such a visitor is a Grand Representative of the jurisdiction to which said Lodge or Encampment belongs. *And provided further*, that the holder of a dismissal certificate regularly issued by a Lodge or an Encampment may deposit the same in any other Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the jurisdiction in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe; but he shall not be required to be in possession of the A. T. P. W., nor can he visit a Lodge or Encampment by virtue of such certificate.¹

1560. Any brother in good standing may draw a visiting card, to be valid for any reasonable length of time, expressed on its face, and to be determined by the Lodge from which it is drawn, to enable him to visit Lodges while traveling or sojourning in States or other places without the limit of the jurisdiction in which his own Lodge may be located. Besides enabling brothers to visit, this card also entitles them to all the courtesies of the brotherhood, as well as the benevolent usages of the Order, if they should meet with accident or misfortune; and brethren holding such cards continue to be members not only of their Lodges, but of the Order, and are amenable to all the penal laws of their Lodges in the same manner as other members.

Secondly, any brother in good standing may receive, upon a ball ballot of his Lodge, a withdrawal card, the effect of which is entirely to sever his connection with his Lodge, except he is accountable to its penal laws for one year, but not with the Order for the time being, inasmuch as the person drawing such card is no longer anywhere a contributing member. Such cards, however, are frequently applied for and granted merely to enable brethren to change membership from one Lodge to another, or, when circumstances require them to remove from one section of the country, to enable them to renew their membership and participate in its benefits at the place of their new residence. Brethren so situated are not only permitted to visit for one year from the date of such card, but are as justly entitled to fraternal regard but not to pecuniary relief as though they were in actual membership and in possession of a visiting card. Should a brother, by holding his withdrawal card longer than one year from its date dissolve his connection with the Order, he has no claims upon this institution.² Should he desire to reinstate himself by depositing his card at a subsequent period, the Lodge to which the application is made will

¹ Sov. By-Laws, Art. XIV; see Sec. 151, *supra*. But such representative cannot introduce a brother of his own jurisdiction. S. J. 14249, 14525.

² S. J., 10251, 10487, 10511.

be the appropriate body to pass upon his application. The best way for brethren who are traveling in search of employment to indicate their intention of continuing in fellowship, is to travel on a visiting card or official certificate until employment be obtained. ¹

1561.

FORM OF VISITING CARD.

Friendship, Love and Truth.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

This certifies that....., who has attained the..... degree and whose name is written on the margin of this card, in his own proper handwriting, is a member in good standing of....., No...., held in..... and working under a charter duly granted by authority of the Grand..... That the Constitution and By-Laws of our..... allow for weekly benefits the sum of.....dollars per week, and for funeral benefits the sum of.....dollars, and that Brother.....is entitled to the same benefits from the date of this card and until the expiration of the same. We, therefore, recommend him to your friendship and protection, and admission into all regular..... of Odd Fellows, for the space of.....from this date and no longer.

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, and affixed the seal of our.....this.....day of....., in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and.....

.....
.....

1561 a. Indorsement.

Brother.....cannot obtain another card from this.....until this is returned to the.....

Brother....., the holder of this card, has visited as follows:

Date.	Lodge or Encampment No.	City or Town.	State.	Signature of Sec'y or Scribe.

This card is issued by....., No....., which allows benefits as follows: For the first week's sickness.....dollars; for.....weeks thereafter.....dollars, and cares for its members by ²....., at ³.....dollars per night. S.....

1562.

FORM OF WITHDRAWAL CARD.

Friendship, Love and Truth.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

This certifies that our well beloved brother, who has attained the..... degree, and whose signature, written by himself, is properly situated on the

¹ S. J., 677, 678, 679.

² Nurse or appointment.

³ If by nurse, state amount.

margin of this card, was regularly admitted a member of our.....by
on the.....day of....., 18.., and has paid all demands
 against him up to this date, and is under no charge whatever. We, therefore,
 recommend him to your friendship and protection, and to admission into
 any regular.....of Odd Fellows to which he may apply within one year
 from the date hereof.

This card is granted by....., No....., which was duly
 instituted at....., on the.....day of....., 18.., by
 authority of the Grand.....of the.....

In witness whereof, we subscribe hereunto our hands, and affix the seal
 of our....., this.....day of....., in the year of our Lord, one
 thousand eight hundred and.....

1563. During the War of the Secession some of the Southern
 jurisdictions issued cards of their own device, being unable to procure
 those issued by the S. G. L. Therefore in 1865 that body

Resolved, That visiting and withdrawal cards heretofore issued
 by any Southern jurisdiction, countersigned by the Grand Secretary
 and attested by the seal of the Grand Body issuing the same, shall
 be taken and deemed to be as effectual as if the same had borne the
 countersignature, or a facsimile thereof, of the Grand Secretary of
 the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ¹

Such visiting cards are no longer in use; but such withdrawal
 cards may be presented by Ancient Odd Fellows, even for years to
 come. The Grand Lodge of Australia, about 1876, issued a with-
 drawal card which Lodges are forbidden to recognize or receive. ²

1564. Official certificate, form of.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

This certificate is the recognized evidence of good standing when the
 holder desires to visit in another jurisdiction in lieu of a visiting card. This
 certificate is universal throughout all the jurisdictions on this continent, and is
 to be used as the only legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all
 Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges. The privilege of visiting in
 another jurisdiction will be accorded the holder of this certificate upon proving
 the genuineness of the signature in the margin, giving the proper password,
 and upon examination. Sick or funeral benefits or pecuniary aid are not
 demandable on this Certificate.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

Official: J. FRANK GRANT,
 Grand Secretary.

\$.....
 This certifies that.....has paid to No.....I. O. O. F.,
 of the Jurisdiction of.....the sum of.....
 Dollars, in full for all charges to.....189..

[SEAL]

.....Noble Grand.....Secretary. ³

¹ S. J., 3801, 3812.

² S. J., 7464, 7506; C., 483.

³ These cards and certificates may be
 procured only from the Grand Secre-
 tary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

1564 a. How signed.—The Permanent Secretary, if there be one, should sign this certificate, but the Recording Secretary only can affix the seal.

1565. A Lodge cannot refuse to grant a brother a card who is under no legal disqualification at the period of application. If the card be denied, the brother may have redress upon appeal to the local Grand Lodge; but the appeal must be dismissed unless it can be shown that members did not vote according to their own sense of propriety. ¹

1566. Indebtedness for money loaned on security is not cause for refusing a withdrawal card. ²

1567. If a person elected to membership does not consummate his membership by signing the Constitution, the Lodge has no right to grant him a withdrawal card, unless membership had been acquired by use; otherwise the proper course is to return the card which he deposited. ³

1568. A member of this Lodge may end his membership therein by taking a withdrawal card or a dismissal certificate; and he may end his membership in this Lodge and in the Order also by presenting a written resignation of membership. No resignation of membership or application for withdrawal card shall be entertained from any one who is not clear on the books. ⁴

1569. A withdrawal card may be granted to any member by a vote of a majority upon ballot at a regular meeting. Application therefor must be made by the member in person or in writing, and shall lie over one week for final action, except that when the applicant has left the vicinity of the Lodge, or it is his known purpose to leave before the next meeting, or to join in a petition for a new Lodge, the card may be granted without delay. ⁵

1570. Subordinate shall vote by ballot upon all applications for final cards made in accordance with existing laws; and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such cards. Upon a ballot, should a majority of the members present refuse their consent to the granting of a final card, the brother applying therefor, upon the payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not being otherwise disqualified, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; *Provided*, however, that upon such refusal, the brother shall have the right of

¹ S. J., 1739, 1798, 2515, 2518.

² C., 485; see the Seaman case, S. J., 3262.

³ C., 486.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. IX, Sec. 1.

⁵ Sub.-C., Art. IX, Sec. 2.

appeal to the Grand Body of his jurisdiction.¹ Final cards are granted only by vote of the Lodge, the vote to be had by ball ballot.²

1571. Upon regular application, a withdrawal card must, if there are no charges against him, be granted to the applicant, or refused upon ballot.³

1572. A withdrawal card may not be granted to a brother who has been tried and acquitted by the Lodge, if an appeal is taken against the acquittal before the Lodge ballots on the application; the grant of the card must await the final action on the appeal.⁴

1573. Application card by proxy, application void.—If a Lodge violates the law (Section 1569), which requires all applications for withdrawal cards to be made in writing or in person, and grants a card on a proxy application, the grant is void if the brother to whom it is made refuses to accept the card. A letter addressed to the Permanent Secretary, with money, and asking for a withdrawal card, makes proper application for the card.⁵

1574. Renewal of application not necessary.—An application for a withdrawal card being once made in accordance with the law it is not necessary to renew it even though the Lodge adjourns without action.⁶

1575. Application must lie over one week and dues paid.—Since applications for withdrawal cards must lie over for one week for action, a card granted on the night of application, contrary to Section 1569, is illegally granted; and the Lodge can rescind its action, and the brother's connection with his Lodge is not severed. A vote granting a withdrawal card upon the condition that dues be paid before the card is issued is illegal, and does not sever connection with the Lodge; the dues must be paid before the vote.⁷

1576. Privilege of deposit.—An application of a brother for a card "with privilege of deposit" should be granted. The words "with the privilege of deposit" are to be regarded superfluous. If the card is voted it carries with it the right to deposit it without written permission.⁸

1577. Secretary cannot withhold.—A Secretary has no right to withhold a card which has been granted by a Lodge, and for doing so he is liable to arraignment, even if the responsibility be as-

¹ S. J., 3827, 3846, 9273, 9346, 15002, 15070.

² S. J., 4716, 4842, 4870. For form, see appendix, *infra*.

³ C., 490; S. J., 3827.

⁴ C., 491.

⁵ C., 492.

⁶ S. J., 6204, 6262.

⁷ C., 494.

⁸ S. J., 7883.

sumed on the alleged discovery of crime on the part of the intended recipient. ¹

1578. Where fee required.—Where the local law requires payment for a card, the Lodge or the officer whose duty it is to issue it has the right to require payment therefor before delivering it. ²

1579. Granting card by mistake.—A Subordinate Lodge having granted a withdrawal card to a member, and afterward ascertain that, by mistake or otherwise, he was in debt to the Lodge, the Lodge cannot legally call on him for said indebtedness, unless fraud or wrong on his part be shown. But if a brother taking a withdrawal card has paid his dues in advance, the Lodge must refund them. And if a brother asks for a withdrawal card, and it is granted, but he does not take it, and continues to pay dues to the Lodge, he is not a member, and his dues must be refunded to him. ³

1580. Charges pending decision.—Pending a decision on the granting of a withdrawal card, charges may be preferred against the brother making application therefor; and that, under such circumstances, the vote on granting the card should not be taken until the charges be withdrawn or a trial be had upon them. ⁴

1581. Will not entertain application, etc.—A Lodge may not entertain an application for a withdrawal card when information against the applicant is in the hands of the Noble Grand; and in such case that officer must refuse to allow the application to be voted on. ⁵

1582. Notice of an intention to prefer charges or lay an information amounts to nothing; the information must be actually put in the hands of the Noble Grand to authorize withholding the card. ⁶

1583. May withdraw application.—A brother has the right to withdraw an application for a final card before a vote upon granting it has been taken. ⁷

1584. Dismissal certificate issuance, etc.—In all cases where the law makes it obligatory upon Lodges to grant dismissal certificates to brothers suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to issue such certificates, upon proper application, in open Lodge and payment of the fee, without a vote of the Lodge. ⁸

¹ S. J., 1840, 1897, 1952.

² S. J., 2482, 2504.

³ C., 497.

⁴ S. J., 1992, 2115, 2170.

⁵ S. J., 1992, 2115, 2170.

⁶ C., 499.

⁷ S. J., 1635, 1655, 1885: but see Sec. 356, *supra*.

⁸ S. J., 4932.

1584 a.

FORM OF DISMISSAL CERTIFICATE.

Friendship, Love and Truth.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

Fraternally Greeting.

This certifies that.....¹ was admitted to membership in No....., at..... in the jurisdiction of..... on the... day..... 18.... and by..... and that he retained his membership in said..... until... day of..... 18...., when he was suspended for non-payment of dues, and he is entirely dismissed from membership in said.....; he had attained the..... degree.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the..... this..... day of..... A. D. 18....

1585. Cannot refuse dismissal certificate.—No Lodge or Encampment has a right to refuse a dismissal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, and who makes proper application for the same unless charges are preferred. ²

1586. Manner of granting visiting cards.—In granting visiting cards no ballot is necessary, but the application must be passed upon by the Lodge. This may be done by a formal motion, made and seconded, and put by the Chair, or it may be done by the presiding officer stating that "the card will be granted if there be no objection." The latter is by general consent of the Lodge, and in such case the card is granted by the action of the Lodge as much as in the former. Very much of the legislation of all bodies is done by general consent. ³

1587. Visiting card granted at any time.—A visiting card may be granted to any member by vote of the Lodge at a regular or special meeting, or by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary at any other time, when application for the same is made to them in writing; but it shall not be made out until he shall have paid all charges on the books against him, his dues to the expiration of the card, and the price of the card; *Provided*, that a Lodge may provide by By-Laws that when a member pays one year's dues in advance, the card may be granted without fee for same. ⁴

1588. Visiting card cannot be recalled, etc.—Having granted, issued and delivered a visiting card to a brother, the Lodge cannot recall the card, or nullify it, unless the brother obtained it through fraud or deception, or for offenses committed previous to granting

¹ After the name, the title P. G., P. V. G., P. C. P., P. H. P., or whatever office the brother may have filled must be added.

² S. J., 5194, 5245, 9856, 10105, 10176.

³ S. J., 6558, 6591.

⁴ Ill. Sub. C., Art. IX, Sec. 4.

the card, of which he must be convicted upon a charge and by trial; and he may be tried without any revoking of the card. ¹

1589. Extension of time prohibited.—It is illegal for any Lodge to extend the time for which a visiting card was granted by endorsement on the back thereof, but in all cases of renewal or extension a new card must be issued. ²

1590. Deposit of withdrawal card of Lodge under disability.—It is competent for a Subordinate Lodge to receive on deposit a withdrawal card, although the Lodge has been suspended or expelled or has become defunct since the card was issued, provided at the time it was granted the Lodge labored under no disability. But the rule is otherwise as to visiting cards, which speak in the present of the connection of the bearer, whose right expires with his Lodge. ³

1591. Defunct Lodges, re-admission, etc.—A certificate from the Secretary of a State Grand Lodge, who becomes the custodian of the charter, books and papers of extinct Subordinates, setting forth the actual standing of a member of a Lodge at the time of its demise, is competent evidence for Subordinates in their action upon the application of a member of a defunct Lodge for re-admission into the Order. ⁴ Certificates issued to members of an extinct Subordinate by the proper officers of the State Grand Body, in conformity with the existing laws of the S. G. L., do not require the countersignature of the Grand Secretary of the S. G. L., to make them available, but all such certificates are to be recognized by every Subordinate to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them, as having the same force and effect, and entitling the holders thereof to all the privileges of an expired withdrawal card issued by an existing Subordinate in good standing. ⁵

1592. State Grand Bodies may issue, etc.—Until cards are issued by the S. G. L., State Grand Bodies may prepare and issue a certificate or card to members of extinct or suspended Subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, said certificate to set forth on its face the circumstances of the case; to be signed by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary under seal, and to have the same force and effect as an expired withdrawal card. ⁶

1593. Visiting cards, use of, when and where, etc.—The holding of a visiting card is no excuse or justification for the absence of an officer of a Lodge. ⁷ A brother in possession of a traveling or visiting card is not thereby deprived of holding office, or of his rights

¹ C., 505.

² S. J., 7470.

³ S. J., 1470, 1484.

⁴ S. J., 2739, 2774.

⁵ S. J., 3621, 3689, 3707, 3876, 3953, 3988, 9756, 9809.

⁶ S. J., 3621, 3689, 3707, 9756, 9809.

⁷ S. J., 2758, 2782.

as a member of his Lodge. Such cards are primarily intended to be used by a brother when traveling or visiting beyond his State jurisdiction, but may be used in his own. A brother while holding such card uses the A. T. P. W. in force at the time his card was granted.¹

1594. When a financial officer of a Subordinate Lodge refuses to settle his accounts and deliver all moneys, books and papers belonging to the same over to the Lodge, he cannot of right demand a card of clearance, and a Lodge may refuse to grant such card until the brother's accounts are adjusted, and the Lodge is satisfied that he is clear of the books and free from all charges of whatsoever kind.²

1595. Certify on card brother's standing.—It is proper to certify upon the back of a visiting card the fact that the holder is not entitled to benefits, and to specify the time when he becomes so.³

1596. Introduction, etc. (a) Withdrawal card, expiration of.—An elective officer of a State Grand Body has no authority to introduce into a Subordinate Lodge a brother holding an expired withdrawal card. Members holding expired withdrawal cards or dismissal certificates are competent applicants for charters for new Lodges and there is no limit to the age of the card. No Lodge or Encampment has a right to refuse a dismissal certificate to a suspended member who makes proper application for the same.⁴ A withdrawal card after one year from its date becomes invalid for visiting, but it remains good as evidence of former standing in the Order upon which the holder may re-join the Order, but it cannot be revived.⁵

1597. Lost card, duplicate.—A brother who has lost or been dispossessed of a withdrawal card, from no cause which should impeach his own conduct, may obtain a new card, bearing the same date, from the Lodge which granted the original one, the said Lodge being the judge as to the propriety of granting the new issue, and, if granted, expressing on its face that it is a duplicate.⁶

1598. It is not necessary or proper to reconsider or rescind a vote granting a withdrawal card, in order to arraign the brother to whom such a card may have been given; because the card having been voted, the membership of the brother ceases, and he has a legal right to the card; which, if he desires to renew his membership, he can deposit in the usual mode, or if it shall have been indiscreetly granted to an unworthy brother, the Lodge may annul it, taking care to allow to the brother implicated a fair and impartial trial, as other members against whom charges are preferred.⁷

¹ S. J., 4240, 4414, 4430; see Sec. 162, *supra*.

² S. J., 4374, 4404.

³ S. J. 9405, 9460.

⁴ S. J., 4993, 5194, 5245.

⁵ S. J., 10864.

⁶ S. J., 1841, 1896, 1952.

⁷ S. J., 1841, 1898, 1952, 4716, 4842, 4870.

1599. Not to issue a letter or recommendation.—A Lodge may not issue any other letter or recommendation than a regular card, or a certificate of former standing in the Order in case of loss of card. ¹

1600. Withdrawal card, limitation, annulment, etc. (a) If deposited cannot be annulled. (b) Effect of annulment.—A withdrawal card, being a recommendation for twelve months, the policy and interest of the Order require and the power remains with the Lodge which granted it, of withdrawing or annulling it for good cause arising between the time it was issued and the date of its expiration. After the expiration of the twelve months the card becomes utterly null and all jurisdiction over the holder ceases. ² When the holder of a withdrawal card has, within a few months after its issue, deposited the same in, and thereby becomes a member of, another Lodge, the Lodge issuing such a card has no power to annul it. ³ The effect of the annulment of a card is to revoke it and instead of expelling the brother from the Order, to bring him back into the Lodge, where, after due notice of the charges against him which have induced the Lodge to abrogate his card, and fair and impartial trial thereof, he may be expelled or acquitted. ⁴

1601. Card void, when.—A card upon annulment becomes void. ⁵

1602. Surrender of withdrawal card, etc.—A member holding a withdrawal card may surrender the same to the Lodge from which he received it, and thereby sever his connection with the Order, and release the Lodge from any control over him. Such an act is a resignation. A Lodge may call upon the holder of a withdrawal card to surrender the same; but such an act on the part of the Lodge is equivalent to annulling the card, and can be done for the same purpose only. If after annulment of the card the brother is acquitted on trial, still the card is void and he is in membership. ⁶

1603. Withdrawal card, propriety of, etc. (a) Not accepted, to be returned. (b) Not endorsed, rejected.—A withdrawal card is the property of the brother by whom it is deposited and unless accepted by the Lodge should be returned to him. ⁷ The Lodge may not, in case of its non-acceptance, mutilate the card by endorsing "Rejected" thereon. ⁸

1604. Time of membership. (a) Return of card.—If the local law date membership from the time of signing the Constitution, the brother-elect, upon deposit of card, who fails to appear and sign the Constitution, may demand the return of his card and the Lodge must return it to him. ⁹

¹ C., 513, 514; S. J., 1841, 1921, 2699.

² S. J., 1722, 1797.

³ S. J., 3030, 3083, 3113.

⁴ S. J., 2145, 2177.

⁵ Ill. J., VI, 64, 114, 116.

⁶ S. J., 8838, 9025, 9101.

⁷ S. J., 1449, 1479.

⁸ S. J., 1963.

⁹ S. J., 4860, 4894.

1605. A withdrawal card granted by less than a quorum, void.—If a withdrawal card is ordered upon the vote of less than a quorum of qualified members it is void, and the applicant therefor still holds his membership in the Lodge or Encampment, and the card if issued should be returned. ¹

1606. Cards or certificates signed in presence of officer giving the A. T. P. W.—All cards and certificates should be signed by the holder thereof in the presence of the officer by whom the A. T. P. W. is communicated. ²

1607. Admission, who entitled and when.—The members of the Order from each State, District or Territory under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be entitled to admission into the Lodges or Encampments of every other State, District or Territory, upon proving themselves according to the established work of the Order, and the production of a proper card or official certificate. ³ But a brother cannot be admitted to a Lodge upon an Encampment card, nor *vice versa*. ⁴

1608. Visiting brother to hand card to Guardian.—When a visiting brother presents himself at the door of a Lodge, it is his duty to hand his card to the Guardian, that it may be placed in possession of the Lodge. If the Lodge be satisfied of its authenticity they will thereupon appoint a committee of three members to proceed to the ante-room and examine the visiting brother. One member of this committee must be the Noble Grand himself, or his Vice Grand or sitting Past Grand, or some other brother known to be in possession of the A. T. P. W., whose especial duty it shall be to obtain the said A. T. P. W. privately from the visitor. The committee will proceed to examine the visitor first as to his identity, by causing him to write his name, which shall be compared with his signature on the card or certificate; second, in the degree in which the Lodge is open, and will report their judgment to the Lodge. If the committee be satisfied they will introduce the visitor, but if not they shall report him not correct and the card or certificate shall be returned to him and admission refused. ⁵

1609. Highest title to be stated.—The highest title a brother has attained in the Order should be stated in the visiting or withdrawal card or dismissal or official certificate. ⁶

1610. Card not authority as to rank.—A card stating the rank of the holder thereof is not sufficient evidence to entitle him to the privileges such rank confers; he must be proved in the work of the degree expressed on the card. *Provided*, however, if the card

¹ S. J., 3108, 8178.

² S. J., 2664, 2673.

³ S. C., Art. XVI, Sec. 1.

⁴ S. J., 1150, 1192, 1291, 1316; see 1556 a, *supra*.

⁵ S. J., 690, 912.

⁶ S. J., 7735, 7831.

states the holder to be a Past Grand, and he shall not be able to prove himself in the work of that degree, from not having received it, the fact as set forth in the card shall be sufficient evidence to entitle him to the privileges such rank confers. ¹

1611. Recognition of rank.—Upon such card certifying that the holder is a P. G., the Lodge is bound to recognize and give the member P. G. regalia. ²

1612. The legal course to pursue with a card presented without the holder's signature is to return it to him without remark other than "It is informal." ³

1613. Cannot go behind card to correct. Officers, though not in office.—If a visitor is found to have the A. T. P. W. of the current year, but his card is dated in some other year, by clerical error or otherwise, any Lodge to which he presents himself cannot admit him because of the informality. The Lodge cannot go behind the face of the card and correct supposed errors. If a card has been returned to the holder as informal, and is subsequently presented in correct form, the Lodge must presume that the corrections were legally made. If the signatures were incorrect, the officers who made them have the right to correct them, even though they are no longer in office. ⁴

1614. Lodge right to examine brother, etc. (a) Not imperative after first visit. (b) Examination and due introduction may be dispensed with.—It is the right of a Lodge to examine a visiting brother every night he may present himself for admission, and examined, he must be introduced by the examining committee. ⁵ But it is not imperative. After the visitor has been once recognized, the examination and introduction, in form, may be subsequently dispensed with if the Lodge so desires. ⁶ When a Lodge visits a sister Lodge in a body, one of their first two officers may accompany the visitors and introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by elective Grand Officers. ⁷ After a visiting brother has been examined and introduced into a Lodge, no future examination of the brother upon the same card shall be necessary in the same Lodge, but he may be received at the opening and through the whole session; *Provided*, the presiding officer, upon inspection, shall find the card is within date at the time of said visit, and the Lodge shall be satisfied that the brother has before that time been regularly examined and admitted to its sessions on some former occasion on the same card. ⁸ He may be examined before the opening of the Lodge. ⁹

¹ S. J., 4015.

² S. J., 4467.

³ C., 523.

⁴ C., 524.

⁵ S. J., 2561, 2588.

⁶ S. J., 2923, 2963.

⁷ S. J., 2990.

⁸ S. J., 6267.

⁹ S. J., 9370, 9456, 9458, 9459.

1615. Visitors must be received in open Lodge.—The presiding officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges may not introduce visitors into such bodies prior to their opening, although satisfied of the admissibility of such visitors. Visitors must be received in open Lodge.¹

1616. Cannot visit without A. T. P. W.—A visiting brother holding a card in due form, but being destitute of the A. T. P. W., cannot be admitted to visit a Lodge, even upon the testimony of those who know him to be an Odd Fellow. It is never legal that one brother should vouch for another. An examining committee is not confined to the A. T. P. W. and card in its examination of a visiting brother from a different jurisdiction, but should use *all* the means necessary to satisfy itself of the correctness of the visitor.²

1616 a. Brother with withdrawal card must be examined, etc.—The holder of a withdrawal card when visiting the Lodge from which he drew his card must be examined and admitted just as brothers are admitted on cards from other Lodges; he has no special rights or privileges. Nor can a brother to whom a withdrawal card has been granted be admitted without password and examination, whether he has taken the card or not.³

1617. Test of O. B. N. may not be added, etc.—A Lodge may not add a test O. B. N. to the mode of examining visitors.⁴

1618. Cannot refuse to admit, etc. (a) Immorality reported. (b) Lodge may protect itself.—A Lodge cannot refuse to admit as a visitor a brother who presents himself as such with proper card and the A. T. P. W., or an order for it, whatever may be known or believed respecting illegality in his initiation, or immorality in his conduct; immorality should be reported to the Lodge granting the card, that it may deal with him. But a Lodge has an inherent right to protect itself from disorder, the want of decorum, and violation of the ordinary proprieties of life.⁵

1619. Protection from violence, etc. (a) Offense not to be anticipated.—A Lodge may protect itself from violence, insult and disorder, upon actual occurrence or demonstration of such wrong; but it must not be anticipated or presumed; this power of protection must be called forth only by actual demonstration.⁶

1620. Visitor not required to leave Lodge, etc.—Visitors may not be required to leave the Lodge room during a trial, nor at any other time.⁷

¹ S. J., 1244.

² C., 527.

³ C., 528.

⁴ S. J., 1074.

⁵ Ill. C., 530; S. J., 1723, 1797, 1885, 1948, 2787, 2818, 6987, 6988, 7055.

⁶ C., 531.

⁷ C., 532.

1621. Rights of visitation by Subordinate. One of two officers to be examined and known.—A Lodge or Encampment has the right to visit other Lodges or Encampments when accompanied by its presiding officers outside its own jurisdiction, without cards or A. T. P. W.,¹ but it is necessary that one of their first two officers in charge of such visiting body should be in possession of the A. T. P. W. and have his card. Such officer should introduce his Lodge or Encampment in like manner as Grand Officers.²

1622. In visitation, introducing officer to be examined and known as such.—In case of visitation by a Lodge in a body, the introducing officer should pass a satisfactory examination and be known as, or be proved to be, such officer.³

1623. May visit without examination when so introduced.—A brother in good standing in a Lodge or in the Order may visit without examination in Grand Jurisdictions other than his own if introduced by a Grand Representative, or by any elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment within whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit, Grand Representatives of either branch being hereby authorized to introduce visiting brothers into both Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in their several jurisdictions; but in all such cases the presiding officer of the same shall be satisfied that the brother introducing such visitor is a Grand Representative of the jurisdiction to which said Lodge or Encampment belongs. Brothers so introduced are received with or without honors of the Order, according to their rank, just as if introduced by a committee.⁴

1624. Honors of Order, who and when not entitled.—Officers and members of Subordinates when visiting another Lodge or Encampment in a body, and introduced by their own officers, are not entitled to be received with "the honors of the Order."⁵

1625. Refusal to grant withdrawal card. Appeal, etc.—If upon ballot the majority of the members present refuse to grant a withdrawal card to an applicant therefor, such applicant, upon payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not being otherwise disqualified, is entitled to receive from the Secretary, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership; and such certificate is sufficient evidence that the brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; *Provided*, that upon the refusal of a Lodge to grant such withdrawal card, the member applying for the same has the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction.⁶

1626. If the Lodge refuses to grant a withdrawal card applied for, the applicant may tender a written resignation of membership;

¹ S. J., 4467, 4598, 4614.

² S. J., 6619, 6692.

³ C., 534.

⁴ C., 535; S. By-Laws, Art. XIV;

S. J., 3513, 3558, 3587, 6612, 6689, 11103.

⁵ S. J., 3853.

⁶ C., 537; S. J., 3827.

he shall then be entitled to receive from the Secretary, a certificate, under the seal of the Lodge, that he has resigned membership, as evidence of his good standing at that time. ¹

1627. Deposit of dismissal certificate.—The holder of a dismissal certificate regularly issued by a Lodge may deposit the same in any other Lodge, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the jurisdiction in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe; but he shall not be required to be in possession of the A. T. P. W., nor can he visit a Lodge by virtue of such certificate. ²

1628. Visit with card and A. T. P. W.—A brother holding an unexpired visiting card, and having the A. T. P. W., has a right to visit Lodges in his own jurisdiction, though he has not the term password. ³

1629. Order for A. T. P. W., when granted.—A Lodge may give to a brother an order for the A. T. P. W., he being present in the Lodge when visiting card was granted. ⁴

1630. Order for the A. T. P. W.—A brother may receive with an official certificate, visiting or withdrawal card an order for the A. T. P. W. Formerly this was to be issued only when he was absent from the location of his Lodge and was to be sent with card, but now the order may be given though present in the Lodge. The order may be written out by the Secretary and is in the following form: ⁵

FORM OF ORDER.

.....Lodge, No. ...
 State of.....
day of, 18...

To the Noble Grand of any Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The bearer, Brother, holding a legal card from this dated this day of, 18..., for the period of months, is entitled to the A. T. P. W. for the current year, which please communicate to him after due examination, whereupon you will retain or destroy this letter.

[SEAL]

....., N. G.

Attest:, Secretary.

1631. Visiting card, right to grant, etc.—The right to grant a visiting card to a brother who is absent and just elected to membership by deposit of card, depends upon local law. If membership began under the law at the time of election, the Lodge could grant a visiting card and order for the A. T. P. W., on payment of the amount required by law, as soon as the brother was elected. ⁶

1632. Visiting card to insane brother.—A Lodge is bound to grant a visiting card to an insane brother, upon proper application,

¹ Ill. C., Sub. L., Art. IX, Sec 3.

⁴ S. J., 15003, 15087.

² S. By-Laws, Art. XIV.

⁵ S. J., 3560, 3561.

³ S. J., 14249, 14487, 14570.

⁶ S. J., 10251, 10487, 10511.

provided he be in good standing and not under charges. A brother insane cannot visit a Lodge and therefore does not need the word; but he requires the good offices of the Order as a sick brother, and these can only be had by a card certifying him to a Lodge where he may temporarily reside. An indorsement upon the card of the condition of the brother will be sufficient. ¹

1633. Visiting cards, who may issue.—The Noble Grand and Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of a Subordinate Encampment and the Noble Grand and Secretary of a Rebekah Lodge, during the recess of their respective bodies, may issue visiting cards to members in good standing, when application is made to them in writing. ²

1634. Visiting cards, who entitled to.—Brothers of a lower degree than the Third are entitled to visiting cards and to visit on the same as in their own Lodges; and such cards shall show whether the holders thereof are beneficiary or non-beneficiary, and if the former, what benefits are allowed. ³

1635. Shall not grant visiting or traveling card.—It shall not be lawful for any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to grant to any member or patriarch a visiting or traveling card who has heretofore applied for and obtained a visiting or traveling card until such card shall have been returned to the Secretary of the Lodge, or Scribe of the Encampment, or until such brother or patriarch shall produce satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the same. ⁴

1636. Statement as to benefits.—A brother who is sick and not beneficiary cannot receive a visiting card as a beneficiary member until he recovers from his sickness and becomes beneficiary. If he has recovered from his sickness, but is not entitled to benefits under the By-Laws, he may be granted a visiting card, but the words "is entitled to benefits from the date of this card" must be cancelled, and the date when he will become beneficiary under the laws of the Lodge inserted; *Provided*, that he has paid his dues in advance down to the end of the term for which the card is issued. He is, however, entitled to an official certificate. ⁵

1637. May confer degree on brother of another jurisdiction.—It is legal for a Subordinate to confer a degree upon a brother from another jurisdiction holding an authenticated order from his Lodge for such degree, the said brother being without a visiting card and the annual traveling password. ⁶

1638. Members of defunct Lodges not entitled to A. T. P. W.—When officers of State Grand Bodies grant cards to former members of defunct Subordinates the brother receiving the card is not entitled to

¹ S. J., 9853, 10105, 10176.

² S. J., 11397.

³ S. J., 9503, 9734, 9802.

⁴ S. J., 9089, 9106.

⁵ S. J., 10253, 10487, 10511, 14953.

⁶ S. J., 9160, 9324, 9442.

the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Subordinates, but is good for deposit only, by the holder, as an Ancient Odd Fellow. ¹

1639. Grand Master cannot compel issuance of withdrawal card, etc.—A Grand Master has not the right to compel a Lodge to issue a withdrawal card after the Lodge has refused, and given as a reason that they were unwilling to recommend the brother to all Odd Fellows. No Lodge or member has the right to place an extra writing on the edge of a visiting or withdrawal card, setting forth facts not provided for in the regular form of the card. On a visiting card, however, any writing can be indorsed that may be necessary to set forth the rights of the holder as to benefits under the laws of the Lodge issuing the card. ²

1640. Dismissal certificates are granted only by Lodges in good standing and not by the Grand Officers of a jurisdiction. Therefore, a member of a defunct Lodge possessing a desire to renew his membership in the Order cannot obtain a dismissal certificate from the dead body, but must apply to the Grand Secretary of his defunct Lodge's jurisdiction for a special card. ³

1641. Dismissal certificate defined.—The dismissal certificate is a document specified in particular form by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for general use as expressed by its legislation, and it cannot be altered in any respect except through the authority derived from the Sovereign body itself. ⁴

1642. Dismissal certificate shall show upon face.—A dismissal certificate, when issued, shall show upon its face the highest degree and rank obtained by the brother to whom the same is issued. ⁵

1643. Withdrawal card, annulment before charges, etc.—A withdrawal card may be annulled by a Lodge before charges pending against a brother have been proven. ⁶

1644. Withdrawal card, when it cannot be revoked.—An expired withdrawal card cannot be cancelled. The holder of it is beyond the jurisdiction which granted it. ⁷

1645. Grand Lodge certificate defunct Lodge, effect of.—A Grand Lodge certificate issued to a member of a defunct Lodge does not have the effect of a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge in date; that law was repealed in 1884; since then it has only the effect of a withdrawal card over a year old.

¹ S. J., 12177, 12273.

² S. J., 14574, 14608.

³ S. J., 11901, 12217, 12281.

⁴ S. J., 11899, 12217, 12281.

⁵ S. J. 9722, 9797.

⁶ S. J., 9159, 9324, 9442.

⁷ S. J., 2145, 2177.

1646. Final cards, vote upon. (a) Appeal will not lie.—

Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall vote by ball ballot upon all applications for final cards made in accordance with existing laws, and the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such cards. Should, upon such ballot, a majority of the members present refuse their consent to the granting of a final card to an applicant upon the payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not being otherwise disqualified, he shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that he was in good standing at the time of his resignation. An appeal from the Lodge which refuses to grant a final card cannot be taken.¹

1647. A withdrawal card. (a) Does not sever connection.

(b) Holder quasi member.—A withdrawal card does not sever connection with the Order, but only with the Lodge to which the member belongs. One holding a live withdrawal card is a *quasi* member, and has the right to visit Lodges. He retains his membership in the Encampment and in the Rebekah Lodges. If the card severs his connection with the Order, he certainly could not visit Subordinate Lodges nor retain his membership in the Encampment and Rebekah Lodges. A person who has severed his connection with the Order cannot hold membership in any branch of this Order or visit any of the Lodges. Therefore a withdrawal card less than one year old only severs the connection of the holder with the Lodge and not the Order.²

1648. Right to examine.—The committee has the right to examine a visiting brother in the address to the chairs, and in everything up to the highest degree of the Subordinate Lodge to which he has attained.³

1649. Committee to examine must be of Lodge. (a) Brother with A. T. P. W. may serve, if no objection.—Strictly speaking, it is not within the power of the Noble Grand of a Lodge to appoint upon a committee to examine a visitor, a member of any other Lodge, because the possession of the power to appoint presupposes the possession of the power to compel service. But if a member of another Lodge possessing the A. T. P. W. is willing to serve upon such committee, unless objection is made, the Noble Grand has the right to request and permit such service.⁴

1650. Entering Lodge during recess, etc.—A member of a Lodge entering a Lodge room while the Lodge is in recess should be required to retire and work his way in according to law, when the Lodge resumes its regular session.⁵

¹ S. J., 9273, 9346, 15002, 15070; but see Secs. 1565, 1570, *supra*.

² S. J., 15002, 15070.

³ S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570.

⁴ S. J., 12789, 13050, 13076.

⁵ S. J., 12791, 13050, 13076.

1651. Grand Representative, privilege of introduction.—

A Grand Representative or other elective officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, acting in his official capacity, possesses the privilege of introducing a visiting brother to a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment within the jurisdiction to which he belongs. Therefore, a Grand Representative or elective Grand Officer, in introducing a visiting brother, must himself of necessity make an official visitation to the body visited, and announce his rank and title at the inner door, in order to exercise such privilege of office held consequently under the ritualistic law, he shall be acknowledged with the honors of the Order, which should be given after addressing the Chairs, and before the oral introduction of the visiting brother. ¹

1652. To be received with honors, etc.—A Subordinate Lodge must receive the Grand Master with the honors of the Order when introducing a visiting brother, and a visiting brother must also receive the honors of the Order if entitled to them. ²

1653. Announcement optional.—It is optional with a P. G. M. when visiting a Lodge to announce himself as P. G. M. or P. G. ³

1654. Past Grands entitled to honors, when, etc.—In jurisdictions where the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Patriarch is not provided by law, a Past Grand or Past Chief Patriarch who has been appointed by a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch to install the officers of a Lodge or Encampment is entitled to the honors of the Order when he appears for that purpose. ⁴

¹ S. J., 11896, 12217, 12281.

² *Id.*

³ S. J., 13256, 13548, 13671.

⁴ S. J., 14481, 14513.

CHAPTER VII.

MEMBERSHIP, I. O. O. F.

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- “ 1672.—Applicant must be at least twenty-one years old.

1655. Membership is acquired primarily by initiation into a Lodge. ¹

1656. The term “good standing” as known to this Order signifies contributing membership in a Subordinate Lodge, and freedom from disability for non-payment of dues, suspension or expulsion for cause, according to the provisions of its Constitution, laws, rules and usages. ²

¹ U. S. Digest of 1847, p. 52.

² S. J., 497.

1657. Honorary membership shall under no circumstances be allowed.—Full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is essential to membership in an Encampment. ¹

1658. The granting of a withdrawal card severs the connection of a brother with the Lodge whether taken or not. ² A withdrawal card, however, confers a *quasi* membership on its owner for twelve months, by virtue of which he may visit Lodges, assist in forming a new Lodge or renew active membership again by deposit of the card; and he is responsible for good conduct. ³

1659. A member who resigns and one whose withdrawal card has expired are Ancient Odd Fellows.—A person who has resigned membership is recognized as bearing some relationship to the Order; so is one who has suffered his withdrawal card to expire without renewing membership; such persons are called Ancient Odd Fellows, and, in some sense, are thus recognized as Odd Fellows. ⁴

1660. But one who has been expelled is not a non-affiliated or *quasi* member or a member in any sense. The term non-affiliated is applied to the holder of a withdrawal card, or other evidence of former membership, or one dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues. ⁵

1661. The initiation of persons as non-beneficial members is not permitted.—One who is afflicted with a chronic disease which incapacitates him from earning a livelihood is not eligible to membership. ⁶ No brother can at the same time hold office or membership in two distinct State Grand Lodges or Subordinate Lodges. ⁷ A brother under suspension is still a member of his Lodge, and although deprived of certain rights and privileges, is subject to its laws in relation to discipline for unworthy conduct. ⁸

1662. Who may become non-beneficial members.—Non-affiliated Odd Fellows who had been regularly initiated in the Order, and had retained membership therein for at least five consecutive years, and who, at the time of making application for reinstatement or membership, shall be over fifty years of age, may be admitted to membership in any Lodge or Encampment as non-beneficial members, upon such terms as the local law may prescribe. ⁹

1663. Applicant for admission by initiation cannot waive benefits.—One may not be admitted to membership upon an agreement not to claim benefits. Such agreement is illegal. ¹⁰

¹ S. J., 811.

² S. J., 1734.

³ S. J., 2561.

⁴ S. J., 1841, 1992, 1921, 2115, 2170, 3621; see Sec. 1699, *infra*.

⁵ S. J., 6274, 6313.

⁶ S. J., 4916, 4925.

⁷ S. J., 285.

⁸ S. J., 1502, 1513.

⁹ S. J., 4884, 4919, 6985, 7054, 7856, 7884.

¹⁰ S. J., 4916, 4925.

1664. No particular religious opinion is requisite for admission into the Order, and none disqualifies.¹ A candidate may be called an infidel, or be a member of any creed, or possess any form of religious belief; *Provided* he be not an atheist he is eligible to membership.²

1665. Members may solicit applications for membership.—There is no law prohibiting the soliciting of persons to petition Lodges for membership; on the contrary, it is both admissible and advisable to present to good citizens the advantages of the I. O. O. F. in a proper way, ask consideration, and if they are favorably impressed, to request their application for membership.³

1666. The S. G. L. has decided by its constitution the necessary qualifications for membership in the Order, and no Subordinate body has the right to change the same.⁴ To add an additional limitation or qualification as to age would be to legislate upon a subject which a Subordinate cannot touch.⁵ Enactments that candidates for membership shall not be over fifty years of age, or that a person who has been rejected twice for membership shall not again be proposed for membership, are restrictions not warranted by our laws⁶

1667. The words "white males," in Article XVI, Section 3, of the S. C., are descriptive of the pure Caucasian race, and exclude all other races and colors from membership. Chinese, Indians, halfbreeds and Polynesians are not eligible to membership.⁷

1668. What constitutes "good moral character" is left to local action and is generally to be determined by the vote of a Lodge in the reception of a member.⁸

1669. Persons deprived of the senses of sight or hearing, or the power of speech, are not admissible into the Order for the reason that they cannot reciprocate, without danger of exposure, the means by which we recognize each other by day and by night, and the usual formalities in and out of the Lodge.⁹

1670. The question of eligibility to membership by initiation of persons who have lost a limb is referred to the jurisdiction and disposal of the Subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked.¹⁰ The question whether an injury or defect shall prevent admission to membership is to be settled by the Lodge. The two questions are:

¹ S. J., 1246.

² S. J., 1503, 1513.

³ S. J., 11482, 11728, 11786.

⁴ S. J., 4070, 4187, 4201.

⁵ S. J., 5524, 5549.

⁶ S. J., 5836, 5877.

⁷ S. J., 2952, 2974, 7365, 7451.

⁸ S. J., 6197, 6222.

⁹ S. J., 1471, 1484.

¹⁰ S. J., 4384, 4417.

(1) Can the man use the signs, etc., of the Order? (2) Is his occupation such that he can earn a livelihood despite the defect? ¹

1671. The members of the I. O. O. F. may unite with any lawful society or association whatsoever, without severing their connection with the Order. ²

1672. Applicant for membership must be at least twenty-one years old.—No Lodge shall receive a proposition for membership from or initiate any person not twenty-one years of age. ³

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, RESIDENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS.

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¹ C. Ill. J., Vol. III, 25, 41
² S. J., 8078, 8174.

³ Ill. Const., Art. VIII Sec. 4; Sec. 261, *supra*.

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 “ 1716.—Candidate for A. O. F., qualifications of.
 “ 1717.—Candidate for non-beneficial membership, qualifications of.

1673. Jurisdiction of Lodges, territorial.—It is illegal for any Lodge to admit to membership any person residing nearer another Lodge, working in the same language, without the consent of such Lodge having been first obtained in writing, and the payment to such Lodge of the amount of fees for initiation and degrees charged by the Lodge receiving such person; but the Lodge giving the consent in writing, may also in writing, if it so desire, waive the above-named fees. Where there are two or more Lodges working in the same language in a city or village they have concurrent jurisdictions.¹ In computing distance in determining territorial jurisdictional lines Lodges shall measure in a straight line as the crow flies, not taking into consideration convenience of travel, business, voting precincts or other concomitant circumstances.² If an applicant for membership changes his residence while his application is pending he thereby becomes ineligible, and his application and fee should be returned.³

1673 a. Original jurisdiction belongs to every Lodge over the territory half way to each and every nearest surrounding Lodge; that is, a person must join the Lodge nearest his residence; that Lodge then has original jurisdiction over such person. Concurrent jurisdiction attaches only to Lodges where given by law if some one of the group of Lodges shall have original jurisdiction. So a person residing within a city but nearer to a Lodge outside the city, the outside Lodge has original jurisdiction, and no Lodge inside can in that case have concurrent jurisdiction, therefore, he must join the Lodge outside unless it waives its rights. Should a person residing in the city and nearer a Lodge therein than a Lodge outside desire to join the outside Lodge, he must obtain consent of such nearest city Lodge, it only having original jurisdiction and entitled to fees, unless waived by it. So, too, a person residing outside a city but nearer a Lodge in the city than to one outside, such nearer Lodge has thereby original jurisdiction, hence every other Lodge in such city thereby has concurrent jurisdiction; such person may there-

¹ G. L. B.-L. Art. II, Sec. 11.

³ C., 376.

² Ill J., Vol. IX, 681, 682, 685.

fore join any Lodge in such city. However, should such person living outside a city, but nearer a city Lodge, desire to join a more remote country Lodge, consent must be obtained from said nearest city Lodge and not from the Lodges which have only concurrent jurisdiction in the city.

1674. The nearest Lodge.—A person must join the nearest Lodge. A Lodge receiving a member by card, in the same jurisdiction, at a distance from his residence—farther from his residence than many other Lodges—violates the law that requires him to join the Lodge nearest his residence,¹ and the Lodge violates the same law in receiving him.² The discipline that should be visited upon the offending Lodge must, under the authority given him by law, be determined by the Grand Master.³

1675. Former members of the I. O. O. F., who were expelled from the Order on account of their membership in the Patriarchal Circle can regain membership in the I. O. O. F. under procedure stipulated by law for expelled members.⁴ A brother or patriarch residing in one State is not entitled to admission as a member, nor can his proposition for membership upon a final card be received in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of another State, he remaining a resident and citizen in the State from which his card was issued, unless the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or Grand Master or Grand Patriarch is first had and obtained.⁵

1676. A Grand Lodge may by law permit a person resident in its own jurisdiction to join a Lodge in another jurisdiction if he resides nearer a Lodge in such jurisdiction than in that of his residence.⁶ Any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment violating the provisions of Article XVI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the S. G. L., upon conviction thereof before the Grand Lodge or Encampment of the jurisdiction within which the same is located, shall forfeit and pay to the Grand Encampment or the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction within which the person admitted to membership in violation of the provisions of said section shall reside, all initiation and degree charges received from such person up to the date of such conviction.⁷ When legally admitted, the brother is entitled to the same privileges and honors to which members are entitled who belong to Lodges located in the State or jurisdiction in which they reside.⁸

1677. The legal qualification of residence may not be overcome by dispensation from a deputy of the Grand Master. The question where an applicant for membership resides is to be determined by such considerations as prevail in ordinary business or social relations; as, the place of employment, the having of one's

¹ S. J., 14685, 15019.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ S. J., 11895, 12217, 12281.

⁵ S. J., 2560, 2588.

⁶ S. J., 3485.

⁷ S. J., 2672.

⁸ S. J., 2817, 2831.

chattels, and, in case of a married man, the habitation of his family; and the absence of evidence of intention to go elsewhere for a home. A temporary residence of one whose home is under foreign power or in another jurisdiction will not warrant his admission.¹ The laws of the various States and municipalities, in consequence of the diversity of their provisions, would not, as a general rule, be a proper guide in determining the question of residence of applicants for membership.²

1678. Residence a question of intention.—The question of residence is in the main one of intention; but it is necessary that the person intending to acquire a residence shall have the power to carry such intention into effect. An enlisted soldier, temporarily stationed at a military garrison, cannot have such intention within the meaning of the law, because of his inability to enforce it. He is subject to military orders, liable to removal at any time, and to any place, without his own consent; and hence cannot be admitted to membership by initiation;³ *Provided*, however, that persons in the military service of the United States who have been stationed continuously at one post for the space of six months or more may make application for membership in the Order, provided they apply to the nearest Lodge, or otherwise comply with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the application is made.⁴

1679. Lodge nearest the candidate's residence.—No permission which a Grand Master can give will make it legal to elect a candidate outside his own Grand Jurisdiction unless the Lodge of the contiguous jurisdiction is nearer the candidate's residence than any one in his own.⁵

1680. "Change of residence," in the law of 1880, means from one place to another, not from one State jurisdiction to another merely. "Change of residence," in the laws of 1880 and 1887, means, respectively, from one place to another, without reference to jurisdiction.⁶

1681. A petitioner for membership is not obliged to join a Lodge working in his native tongue, but if he asks for initiation he must be acquainted with the language used in the Lodge to which he applies well enough to understand the obligations and work. If a person who desires to join a Lodge, by initiation or otherwise, cannot sufficiently understand the language of the Lodge nearest him, he may petition a remoter one. Such remoter Lodge may certify to the Grand Master that the petitioner cannot work in the language of the nearest Lodge and ask leave to admit him. This request the

¹ C., 375; S. J., 1280, 2482, 2504.

² S. J., 1840, 1898, 1952.

³ S. J., 8701, 8767.

⁴ S. J., 8801, 8806, 9026, 9027, 9102.

⁵ See S. J., 14685, 15019; Sec. 1677, *supra*.

⁶ S. J., 14683, 15019.

Grand Master may by dispensation grant, otherwise such petitioner must join the nearest Lodge, or get its consent to his going elsewhere.¹

1682. A Grand Lodge has no right to require a residence for any definite period before a brother can deposit a withdrawal card from a sister jurisdiction.²

1683. A Lodge in an adjoining State may admit by initiation or card, a resident of Illinois who lives nearer to such Lodge than to any Lodge in Illinois; *Provided*, said adjoining jurisdiction has a law giving reciprocal privileges to Lodges in this State. (The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri have passed reciprocal laws.)³

1684. A candidate for membership by deposit of card shall be in possession of an unexpired withdrawal card and the A. T. P. W. He shall also be a resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at the time of making the application.⁴

1685. Any brother can deposit a withdrawal card and a Lodge receive him without asking consent of the Lodge granting the same.⁵ The card of an Encampment will not authorize admission into a Lodge.⁶ A withdrawal card issued by a Lodge outside of the jurisdiction where membership is sought, and which has been suspended and expelled since the date of its issuance, may be received with application for membership.⁷ *A Lodge is not obliged to admit to membership an applicant by card; his application is judged of by the Lodge and decided upon by ballot.*⁸

1686. An unexpired withdrawal card is *prima facie* evidence that the brother holding the same is an Odd Fellow in good standing, but the Lodge may go behind it to ascertain the facts.⁹

1687. Withdrawal card, whether in force.—The question whether a card is in force or is to be treated as having expired is determined by the time when it is presented. The Lodge may act upon it although the year has expired; *Provided*, it was presented to the Lodge before the date of such expiration. The Grand Master has no authority to revive an expired card.¹⁰

1688. Manchester Unity, applicants from.—There is no reason for refusing to receive into our fraternity persons who have withdrawn from the Manchester Unity, but there being no com-

¹ C., 378.

² S. J., 4070, 4187, 4201.

³ C., 380.

⁴ Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 2.

⁵ S. J., 11301, 11312.

⁶ S. J., 1150, 1291, 1316.

⁷ S. J., 1470, 1484.

⁸ S. J., 678.

⁹ Ill. J., Vol. VII, 938.

¹⁰ S. J., 10864, 10865.

munion between that body and ours, such persons can come into our Order only by initiation. We know nothing of their clearance cards. ¹

1689. Member cannot take withdrawal card to remote Lodge.—The holder of a withdrawal card living in the jurisdiction of the Lodge that granted it, cannot join a distant Lodge, except by consent of nearest Lodge. ²

1690. A. T. P. W., applicant must have.—The Noble Grand should examine an applicant for membership by card as to his being in possession of the A. T. P. W. It is essential that he should be in possession of it, and of the degrees he claims to have received, if the committee to whom his application was referred, or a committee of the Lodge, has not already examined him when visiting the Lodge. ³ If he has not the A. T. P. W., or should his card be an expired one, he may be admitted to membership as an Ancient Odd Fellow. ⁴

1691. Must answer all questions.—A brother applying for admission by card must answer all questions asked him by the Investigating Committee of the Lodge, as to his state of health or bodily defects. ⁵

1692. Application de novo, when.—When a person who has taken a withdrawal card wishes to rejoin the Lodge from which he drew it, he must apply in the regular way, just as if he were a stranger; ⁶ and the Lodge cannot vary from the usual course of proceeding. ⁷

1693. Twenty-five years member.—Any member of this Order who has been a contributing member twenty-five years, upon change of residence shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge at his new place of residence, without first applying for a withdrawal card from the Lodge in which he holds membership. Upon election of such brother by the Lodge to which he shall apply for membership, said Lodge shall notify the Lodge of which he is a member of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application, he shall be entitled to a withdrawal card. Upon deposit of said card with the Lodge in which he has been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge. ⁸

¹ S. J., 1074.

² See Sec. 1673, *supra*; S. J., 10250.

³ S. J., 2147, 2177.

⁴ S. J., 3479.

⁵ C., 385.

⁶ C., 386.

⁷ S. J., 3182, 3234, 3266.

⁸ S. J., 8478.

1694. A favorable ballot in case of an application for membership by an Odd Fellow of twenty-five years' standing cannot be reconsidered. ¹

1695. Persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactory claims, can only be readmitted by initiation. Any such person shall be required to set forth in his petition for membership that he has never been expelled from any Lodge, and that he is unable to obtain evidence of his former connection with the Order ²

1696. One who is reinstated pursuant to the preceding section must proceed in degrees and honors as if he had never been or claimed to have been an Odd Fellow. ³

1697. Satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order within the meaning of the law, must come from the Lodge of which the brother was formerly a member; or, in the event of such evidence being inaccessible by reason of its being defunct or otherwise, then from the Grand Body under whose jurisdiction the Subordinate existed. And should neither of these be accessible or obtainable, then such evidence shall be regulated for each of the State Grand jurisdictions by the Grand Bodies thereof. Should the applicant fail to meet these requirements, he may then make petition for admission into the Order by initiation. ⁴

1698. A candidate for membership as an Ancient Odd Fellow shall have an expired withdrawal card, a dismissal certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of having legally terminated his membership; and he shall be a resident as provided in Section 2 of Article II. ⁵

1699. An Ancient Odd Fellow is one who has been regularly initiated into the Order and has retired therefrom in good standing, either by taking his permanent or withdrawal card, or by resignation. If done by resignation he at once becomes an Ancient Odd Fellow, and if by taking a permanent card, he becomes so at the expiration of one year from the date of his card. ⁶ The holder of a dismissal certificate is not an Ancient Odd Fellow, ⁷ but for the purpose of regaining active membership the S. G. L. substantially recognizes him as such. ⁸ When the withdrawal card has been lost or destroyed, the Lodge which issued the same may grant a certificate under seal, setting forth the fact of such original issue; and the certificate so granted may be used in lieu of a card as evidence of previous good standing. The brother may, also, on satisfactory

¹ S. J., 9756, 9809.

² S. J., 1921, 1956.

³ C., 389.

⁴ S. J., 3968, 4008.

⁵ Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 3.

⁶ S. J., 2859, 2925, 2963.

⁷ S. J., 6614.

⁸ S. J., 7174.

proof that a withdrawal card was issued to him, and that the same was lost or destroyed, be re-admitted into membership as an Ancient Odd Fellow, and will be entitled to the rank he may prove himself to have attained.¹ One making satisfactory proof that he is an Ancient Odd Fellow, either on account of resignation or card which has been lost, may be admitted by passing a satisfactory examination upon the work. An Ancient Odd Fellow who can satisfactorily establish his claim to be so considered, and can prove himself in the initiatory work, is not required to be reinitiated into the Order. His rank or standing in the Lodge to which he may be admitted will be determined by the Lodge, upon the report of the committee appointed to make the necessary examination.² The law of 1880 in regard to cards to members of defunct Lodges, being self-contradictory, was changed in 1881, giving to such cards the same force and effect of a card from a Subordinate Lodge. This was repealed by implication in 1884, and so stood until 1890, when it was enacted that such cards did not carry with them the right to the A. T. P. W., but gave only the right of an Ancient Odd Fellow. Such is the law now.³

1700. When a defunct Lodge has been resuscitated on the application of only a part of its members, those members making the application only are restored at once, and the other members who are in good standing may resume membership upon such terms as the local laws of the jurisdiction may prescribe.⁴

1701. When the charter of a Lodge has been surrendered and restored, the revived Lodge may admit to membership any persons who were or had been in membership at the time of its dissolution, as follows:

(1.) If they were in good standing at the time of dissolution, the Lodge may admit them as Ancient Odd Fellows, upon the payment of such fee as in each case may be determined by the Lodge.

(2.) If they were not in good standing by reason of non-payment, or of dropping, suspension or expulsion therefor, the Lodge may restore them to good standing on the same terms as the laws provide for others in like disability.

(3.) If they had lost their good standing by suspension or expulsion for other causes, the Lodge may refer the case to the Grand Master, as in case of other applications for reinstatement.

CASE. C. was dropped for non-payment of dues; his Lodge became defunct; then its charter was restored to some of the members. C. then sent \$1.00 to the Lodge for a dismissal certificate; the Lodge told him to apply to the Grand Secretary.

¹ S. J., 1921, 1956.

² S. J., 3621, 3689, 3707.

³ S. J., 14685, 15019; see Sec. 1716, *infra*.

⁴ S. J., 5481, 5540.

DECIDED. The Lodge erred in refusing to grant the dismissal certificate. The Grand Secretary would have been the proper officer to issue during the time the Lodge was defunct; but when the charter was restored and the Lodge went to work, the position of C. was that of a dropped member, and the Lodge was the proper authority to issue the dismissal certificate.¹

1702. When a Lodge becomes defunct, and its charter is withdrawn, all the members are under suspension, except such as receive cards from the Grand Lodge. When such Lodge is resuscitated on petition of some of the original members, one who was in good standing at the time of suspension, but had not received a card from the Grand Lodge, retains the status of a suspended member, and must so remain until admitted into the resuscitated Lodge, on such terms as the local law prescribes, or until he shall obtain a dismissal certificate in accordance with law.²

1703. A member of an ancient Lodge who did not regularly withdraw therefrom prior to its extinction can be admitted to membership in another Lodge only upon presentation of a card from the officers of the Grand Lodge under which the defunct Lodge formerly existed³. A brother who has been expelled from a Lodge which subsequently became extinct can only regain membership in the Order through the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge he belonged to was subordinate.⁴

1704. Proposition property of the Lodge.—A proposition becomes the property of the Lodge as soon as it is in the hands of the Secretary. No vote to receive it is necessary. The name of a man and his character may not be brought up and discussed before he is regularly proposed.⁵

1705. A proposition for membership may be withdrawn without the consent of the Lodge at any time before the committee shall have reported thereon, but not subsequently.⁶ The proposition may, by consent, be withdrawn at any time prior to ballot.⁷

1706. The admission fee shall be returned if the application is refused or withdrawn; but if the candidate shall be elected and fail to appear for admission within six weeks (except for cause adjudged sufficient), the election shall be void, and the deposit forfeited to the Lodge.⁸

1707. Application may be withdrawn before report.—The name of a candidate for initiation and membership can be withdrawn before the report of the committee is presented, but not subsequently.

¹ C., 394.

² S. J., 14051, 14073.

³ S. J., 3621, 3689, 3707.

⁴ S. J., 3823, 3845.

⁵ C., 397.

⁶ Ill. S. C., Art. II, Sec. 7.

⁷ S. J., 11484, 11728, 11786.

⁸ *Id.*

It is too late also if the report is recommitted. ¹ It cannot be withdrawn from the committee which is the direct creature of the Lodge, possessing no power further than that of inquiry and recommendation, or disapproval, etc. One of the first principles of parliamentary law is that a committee is the creature of the appointing body and must report its acts to the body creating it, unless otherwise authorized by such body. ² Where a committee, upon an application for membership, returns the application to the Lodge without making any report, having held it a week, the Constitution containing the usual provision, allowing an application to be withdrawn at any time before the report of the committee and the reasons for not reporting appear in oral statement, upon which a question is raised, the proposer can withdraw the application without having those reasons appear upon the record. ³

1708. If a proposition has been withdrawn, it cannot be reinstated to occupy the same place in the proceedings; it can come in again only by being again presented and taking the regular course. ⁴

1709. An election to membership on a withdrawal card sent in without petition or fee is informal and invalid, an entire nullity; no committee should be appointed on such verbal application. But if a member is admitted and consummates membership by signing the Constitution, his membership is valid, despite the informality. ⁵

1710. An Investigating Committee on a proposition must be a special committee, never a standing one; the members must make such investigation as is necessary to enable them to report properly on the qualifications of the candidate. The N. G. must not be a member of it. They cannot report until the next regular meeting after appointment, unless under special dispensation for the purpose of initiating on the same evening. A majority of the committee is necessary to make a report; and if a part or all of the original committee is displaced for failing to report, and new members are appointed, they cannot report until one week after the appointment of a majority, except under dispensation. ⁶

1711. It is improper to ballot collectively on a number of applications for membership. Every member of a Lodge has a right to deposit his ballot upon each individual application for membership, and a collective ballot would be an infringement of this right. ⁷

1712. The ballot to be had on every application reported favorable.—A Lodge must ballot on every application for membership upon which a report, favorable or unfavorable, is presented. ⁸

¹ S. J., 1150, 1291, 1316, 5920.

² S. J., 11484, 11728, 11786, 12237,

12287.

³ S. J., 14688, 15019.

⁴ C., 399.

⁵ C., 400.

⁶ C., 401.

⁷ S. J., 2700, 2764, 2810.

⁸ S. J., 3836, 3847.

1713. No person can be either elected or rejected unless by ballot in due form. ¹

1714. Qualifications for initiation.—A candidate for membership by initiation shall be a believer in a Supreme Being, Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things. He shall not be a saloon-keeper, bar-tender, or professional gambler, nor be under twenty-one years of age. He shall be a white male person, of good moral character and industrious habits, having some respectable known means of support, and exempt from all infirmities which may prevent his gaining a livelihood. He shall have resided within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months previous to his application for membership, or have been so long personally known to brothers of the Order who recommend him. ²

1715. Candidate by card, qualifications.—A candidate for membership by deposit of card shall be in possession of an unexpired withdrawal card and the A. T. P. W. He shall also be a resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at the time of making the application. ³

1716. Candidate as A. O. F., qualifications.—A candidate for membership as an Ancient Odd Fellow shall have an expired withdrawal card, a dismissal certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of having legally terminated his membership; and he shall be a resident, as provided in Section 2 of this article. ⁴

1717. A candidate for non-beneficial membership shall have held membership in the Order for at least five consecutive years, be over fifty years of age, and be otherwise qualified, as provided in Section 3 of this article, for an Ancient Odd Fellow; but the holder of an unexpired withdrawal card may be admitted as a non-beneficial member. ⁵

APPLICATION, INVESTIGATION, REPORT, BALLOTING, ELECTION OR REJECTION.

SECTION 1718.—Application, form of.

“ 1719.—Report of committee, form of.

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¹ C., 404.

² Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec 1; Sec. 291, *supra*.

³ Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 2; Sec. 292, *supra*.

⁴ Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 3; see Secs. 293, 1699, *supra*.

⁵ Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 4; see Secs. 294, 348, *supra*.

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1718. An application for membership shall be in the following form, to-wit:

To the Officers and Members of Lodge, No., working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois:

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge, ¹, and, in consideration of such admission, I promise and agree that, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge, and those of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement, in any event, or for any purpose, to the civil courts.

My age is years, my occupation is, my residence, and I refer to

Witnesses..... Signed.....

.....Dated,, Ill.,18..

Which shall be signed by the applicant, and witnessed by two members of the Lodge to which the application is directed. The application shall be presented to the Lodge at a regular meeting thereof, by a member, and shall be entered in substance on the record, and referred to a special committee of three members for investigation, who may, if they all join therein, report at the first regular meeting thereafter; otherwise, unless further time be granted, they shall report at the second regular meeting thereafter.²

¹ NOTE.—Insert whether “by initiation,” or by “deposit of card,” or “as an Ancient Odd Fellow,” or “as a non-beneficial member,”

² Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 5; Sec. 295, *supra*.

1719. Report of a committee of investigation upon an application for membership.

To Lodge No., I. O. O. F., in Illinois:

We, the undersigned Committee of Investigation, on the proposition of Mr. (or Bro.) for membership by initiation (or by deposit of card or certificate), respectfully report that we have inquired into his standing and character, and that we find him to be a white male person of good moral character and industrious habits; that he has a respectable and known means of support; that he is exempt from all infirmities which may prevent his gaining a livelihood; and that he has resided within the jurisdiction of this Lodge months previous to the date of his application and is otherwise qualified, (or that he has been for months personally known to brothers A. B. and C. D., I. O. O. F., who recommend him). We therefore recommend that he be elected.

Signed, } Committee.
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1720. A report of a committee on character must be signed by a majority of the committee. Two so-called reports, one in favor of the applicant and one against, each signed by a single member of the committee, are not proper reports to be received and acted upon by the Lodge. ¹

1721. Balloting.—When the report of the Investigating Committee has been submitted to the Lodge, the ballot shall be held as required by law, after which the box shall be passed by the Warden to the Vice Grand, who shall examine the ballot and inform the Noble Grand whether the ballot is favorable or unfavorable; the Warden shall then pass the box to the Noble Grand, who shall inspect the ballot and announce the result, merely stating that the candidate is elected or rejected. If not more than two black balls appear the candidate shall be elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be rejected. A favorable ballot shall entitle the applicant to receive any degree or degrees of the Subordinate Lodge not previously attained, without further ballot, unless written objections, signed by at least two members of the Lodge, shall be filed with the Noble Grand prior to the conferring of the same; in which case the Noble Grand shall announce the fact to the Lodge, when further action shall be deferred to the next regular meeting, at which meeting a ballot shall be had in all respects as hereinbefore provided. If said ballot be favorable, the candidate shall be entitled to the degrees upon complying with the requirements of Article VI of the Constitution; but if unfavorable the degrees shall not be conferred until a period of six months shall have expired, and then only after a favorable ballot as above provided. ²

1722. A candidate's application for membership must be received and acted upon at regular meetings only, but his initiation

¹ S. J., 12797, 13050, 13076. ² Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 6; Sec. 296, *supra*.

may take place at a special meeting called in accordance with the By-Laws.¹

1723. Blackballing, when illegal.—If a candidate is blackballed by a Lodge that has no legal right to receive and act upon the application, the candidate being ignorant of the fact, he need not wait six months before applying for membership in proper Lodge, and such Lodge has a right to receive and act upon his application, the former action being illegal and null and void.²

1724. When Investigating Committee makes a report on the application of a citizen or brother who desires to join the Lodge by initiation, or by deposit of card, respectively, the report should be received; and then action must be taken upon the application for membership by ball ballot vote under the law. When the said committee's report is received, it stands as any other report made by a special committee of the Lodge, and may, if desired, be discussed and be recommitted with instructions, if such is the will of the Lodge; or the application may even be referred to the Lodge itself as a "committee of the whole," that the discussion thereon may be without restraint; the applicant must stand ball ballot vote to obtain membership, and the Lodge possesses the inherent right to investigate the standing of the applicant through a special committee or as a committee of the whole, but in either instance the report of the committee must be made to the Lodge in regular meeting.³

1725. Any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment or Rebekah Lodge of the Order holding a visiting card in force shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment or Rebekah Lodge, without first applying for a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment or Rebekah Lodge in which membership is held. Upon election of such members by the Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge to which application was made for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which they were members of such election, when, being free from all charges, and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application they shall be granted a withdrawal card. Upon deposit of said withdrawal card with said Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge to which they were elected, they shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws and be received in full membership from such time, upon payment of admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge. A favorable ballot under the above law cannot be reconsidered.⁴

1726. It is necessary that the lodge to which a brother applies for membership should notify the Lodge issuing the visiting card of his election; and thereupon the brother must apply for the neces-

¹ S. J., 12797, 13050, 13076.

² S. J., 14250, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 11900, 12217, 12281.

⁴ S. J., 14596, 14611.

sary withdrawal card, but the Secretary of the Lodge may apply for such card at the instance and by the authority of the brother. ¹

1727. A visiting card need not be returned to the Lodge issuing it when it is deposited with another Lodge upon which to make membership. If elected, a certificate of election from that Lodge entitles a brother to a withdrawal card, if the member is free from all charges on the books of his Lodge. ²

1728. When a candidate for membership by initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all Lodges in the same place, and he cannot again be proposed in any Lodge until six months have elapsed. A proposition for membership otherwise than by initiation may be renewed at any time. ³

1729. Official certificates, their efficiency and force.—Since the S. G. L. has prescribed such certificates for all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges, making the holders thereof entitled to all the rights and privileges given by a visiting card, it follows that such holders have the right to apply for membership thereon as is provided for by law. ⁴

1730. It is a brother's right to vote a secret ball ballot. A brother may not, at pleasure, conceal or expose his ballot; he must keep it secret. It is an offense to endeavor to discover how a brother has voted so as to bring odium upon him; to permit a showing of votes would reach this result indirectly, and is forbidden. Hence local law may not provide that a brother casting a single black ball in a ballot shall state his objection in private or in writing to the Noble Grand. ⁵

1731. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has not said how many black balls shall reject a candidate, except so far as applies to Subordinate Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction. ⁶ It is left to State jurisdiction to decide in what manner members shall be elected and how many black balls shall be required to reject an applicant. When upon a ballot, the number of black balls required to reject are cast, the applicant shall be declared to be rejected, and it is not lawful for the application to be referred for further investigation and a new ballot at some future meeting. ⁷ A Lodge cannot compel the N. G. to give the number of black balls cast in case the applicant is rejected. ⁸

1732. State Jurisdictions may enact laws permitting their Subordinates to renew, retake or verify immediately a ballot for mem-

¹ S. J., 12353, 12632, 12701.

² S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570.

³ Ill. Sub. C., Art. II, Sec. 8; see Sec. 298, *supra*.

⁴ Secs. 1556a, 1725, *supra*.

⁵ S. J., 3836, 3847, 5194, 5245; but see Sec. 1736, *infra*.

⁶ S. J., 5279, 5475, 5520.

⁷ S. J., 5519, 5547.

⁸ S. J., 6202, 6262.

bership where black balls appear in order to demonstrate that such black balls may not have been unintentionally cast. ¹

CLAUSE 1. When a ballot is had, if the N. G. has any reason to suspect error or mistake, he may, before declaring the result, state that he fears there is error, and order the vote taken again; but when the result is once declared, the ballot may not be again held unless error or fraud is charged on the ballot.

CLAUSE 2. In case error or fraud is charged on the ballot on a proposition for membership, which may have affected the result, the ballot may be declared void, and a new ballot ordered by vote of the Lodge, if no member entitled to vote has left the room since the first ballot was taken; otherwise, the ballot being declared void, the proposition shall be recommitted to an investigating committee and await their report at a subsequent meeting. ²

1733. If a person has been elected through fraud or error, which may have affected the result, ³ a majority of the Lodge can, previous to the applicant's initiation, order a new ballot. After initiation, if the applicant is innocent of any misrepresentation, and the illegality has been confined to the Lodge, he shall be protected in his membership as though legally elected. If he has been guilty of fraud, he may be tried therefor and expelled. ⁴

1734. In case illegal ballots be cast upon ballot for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (such illegality being that the brothers voting upon such application were disqualified by the By-Laws of the Subordinate), such ballot may, if unfavorable, be declared void by the presiding officer and a new ballot be immediately had. ⁵

1735. A ballot by which a candidate was rejected may not be declared null and void on account of errors committed by several brothers in voting. The proper course in such case, if the error or errors be discovered before the result is declared, is to spread a new ballot. ⁶

1736. When all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, the same may be reconsidered, and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballots, and if all the balls cast shall be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over till the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballot, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant he shall

¹ S. J., 3836, 3847, 5194, 5245; but see Sec. 1736, *infra*.

² C., 409; S. J., 7854, 7883.

³ S. J., 8108, 8178.

⁴ S. J., 2146, 2177.

⁵ S. J., 5193, 5245.

⁶ S. J., 5853, 5936, 8078, 8174.

thereby be elected, but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot the applicant shall be rejected, and in no case shall a reconsideration be had except upon the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls, and never more than one reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. *And provided always* that such reconsideration shall be had within the four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection. ¹

1737. In all cases where a candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge has been elected, but subsequently to his election and prior to his initiation, the Lodge shall become satisfied that he is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such election and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. ²

1738. When a balloting has been declared null and void, the proposition, together with the report thereon of the committee of investigation, and the action of the Lodge receiving such report and ordering a balloting, would still be before the Lodge, and nothing would remain to be done except to ballot anew. ³

1739. Under the law of Section 1737 the Lodge may annul the election of one who is found to be affected with disease so as to be a burden to the Lodge; or of one who after election is disabled by accident so as to become incapacitated for business, or unsuitable by loss of sight, hearing, speech, limb or member. The initiation can be postponed from time to time, at discretion, and finally annulled. ⁴

1740. It is not competent for a Grand Lodge to legalize the initiations made by a Lodge during the period of its expulsion or suspension; but an illegal admission by card, where the applicant is himself partner with the Lodge in the wrong, may be set aside; he gains no right of membership by his fraud, and is not released from his obligation of secrecy by the annulment of the admission. ⁵

1741. The applicant for admission by card or initiation cannot be examined on the subject of his health or qualifications for admission when, after a legal election, he has, pursuant to notice from the Lodge, presented himself for initiation except in the manner required by the ritual and excepting that in case of admission by card the applicant should be examined in the A. T. P. W. ⁶

1742. Persons who from no fault of their own are illegally initiated, cannot be discharged from membership for that reason, but are entitled to all the rights enjoyed by other members of similar

¹ S. J., 4365, 4402, 4070, 4187, 4201, 2773, 2792, 2828, 9806, 11104.

² S. J., 2310, 2346.

³ S. J., 2808, 2830.

⁴ C., 414; S. J., 2147, 2177.

⁵ S. J., 1391, 1494, 1513, 10713.

⁶ S. J., 2146, 2147, 2177; but see Sec. 1746, *infra*.

rank, and the same rule governs the case of an unworthy person, who may have been inadvertently admitted. ¹

1743. Local law fixes time membership by card dates from, or in the absence of such local law it dates from election. ²—A person is not a member by virtue of his election merely; initiation, or introduction by the committee and signing the Constitution, and pledge to support the Constitution and laws, are necessary to consummate membership. If the candidate cannot sign his name, he must make his mark and have it witnessed. A person admitted but failing to sign the Constitution, yet acting for some considerable time as a member, must be considered a member; if dropped, he cannot claim his payments back, and to regain membership he must be regularly reinstated. ³

1744. A candidate for membership in the Order who has been elected in a Lodge where he resides cannot be initiated in a Lodge located where he may have a temporary residence, upon the request of the Lodge electing him, but all initiations must take place in the Lodge in which the applicant is elected. ⁴

1745. Introduction of a member elected on card.—No form or ceremony for introduction of a member elected on deposit of card has been adopted in this State, but the member is to be introduced by a committee. The following form is suggested:

After the examination provided in Section 1741 by the Noble Grand, or by a committee under his order, the committee conducts him into the Lodge like a visitor; and its leading member says:

"Noble Grand, I have the pleasure of introducing to you and to the Lodge, as one of our number from this time, Brother....., P. G., whom the brethren have elected a member of this Lodge upon deposit of card."

The Noble Grand calls up, rises, and says:

"Brother....., in the name of this Lodge I welcome you as henceforth a member of..... Lodge, No.... The confidence of the brethren has given you admission; and we trust that your membership with us will prove mutually pleasant and profitable." The committee will conduct Brother..... to the Secretary to sign the Constitution, after which he will be seated as one of us.

1746. An application for membership in a Subordinate Lodge by depositing card, carries, through the face of the card, the rank of the applicant; and the Investigating Committee possesses the undoubted right to satisfy itself that the brother applicant is in possession of the degrees indicated by the card; and the Lodge should not take action upon an application for membership by deposit of card, until the Investigating Committee has reported thereon. ⁵

1747. A Subordinate Lodge or Encampment working in the language of a particular people, possesses the right to receive and

¹ S. J., 3234, 3266, 7465, 7506, 7509.

² S. J., 10252, 10254.

³ C., 417.

⁴ S. J., 3739, 3821, 3842.

⁵ S. J., 11803, 12209, 12279.

initiate an applicant who speaks and more thoroughly understands another language; and for the purpose of interpretation and to convey a more complete knowledge of the ceremony, if it be possible, the ritualistic lectures and charges may be delivered in the mother tongue of the applicant; *Provided always* that the rituals shall have been published therein and that the passwords, etc., shall be communicated in English, the universal language for expressing the sounds of such symbolic words. ¹

BY INITIATION, BY CARD, DROPPING, REINSTATEMENT, ETC.

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¹ S. J., 11895, 12217, 12281.

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1748. The Lodge and not the N. G. has the power of determining the time of an initiation, and can postpone it at pleasure; and should anything occur after the ballot and before the initiation, which can operate as a reason why the applicant should not be admitted, the initiation need not take place. But this power of a Lodge is not to be used arbitrarily, with a view of altogether preventing the initiation, except when the election is annulled, as provided in Section 1737. Candidates can always be initiated upon the night of their election. An initiation may take place at a special meeting which was called at a regular one. ¹

1749. The initiation of a candidate is only complete when he has been introduced to the Lodge. ²

1750. The floor work is not obligatory, but recommended.—Wherein it may differ from the ritual it must be disregarded. ³

¹ C., 422.

² S. J., 4992.

³ S. J., 14247, 14487, 14570.

1751. The Grand Officers, as such, cannot after institution, initiate candidates nor confer the degrees. ¹

1752. It is within the discretion of the Subordinate Lodge to permit the candidate to stand or to be seated during the delivery of the Past Grand's charge. ²

1753. When a brother applies for membership on deposit of card, and is elected and signs the Constitution, his card should remain in the Lodge. So also if the local law date membership from the time of the applicant's election, the card should then remain in the Lodge after election; and the applicant cannot demand its return, whether he sign the Constitution or not. But if the local law date membership from the time of signing the Constitution, the brother-elect who fails to appear and sign the same may demand the return of his card, because until he signs the Constitution he is not a member of the Lodge; ³ except in cases when the Lodge neglects its own law about signature and received the brother as a member, and he attends and acts as a member, thus creating a virtual membership. ⁴

1754. Aged members of defunct Lodges may be admitted as non-beneficial members.—Lodges may admit to membership and to all its rights and privileges, except the right to benefits, and subject to all obligations and penalties, such members of defunct Lodges as were, at the time of the extinction of their Lodge, in good standing therein, but whom it is not deemed advisable to admit to membership on account of advanced age. A petition for such membership must be upon card or the regular certificate from the Grand Officers of the defunct body. ⁵

1755. A candidate for non-beneficial membership shall have membership in the Order for at least five consecutive years, be over fifty years of age, and be otherwise qualified as provided in Section 3, Article II, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges for an Ancient Odd Fellow, but the holder of an unexpired withdrawal card may be admitted as a non-beneficial member. ⁶

1756. It is not legal for a Lodge, with or without the consent of its Grand Lodge, to have a By-Law providing for the initiation of persons over fifty-five years of age as non-beneficial members, or changing the status of one already a member of such Lodge from a beneficial to a non-beneficial member on reaching a certain age. Members in good standing are entitled to benefits irrespective of age, the only exception permitted by general law being in the case of aged Odd Fellows readmitted to membership. ⁷

¹ S. J., 14250, 14525, 14570.

² S. J., 14031, 14069.

³ S. J., 4860, 4894.

⁴ S. J., 4860, 7464, 7465.

⁵ C., 425; S. J., 3690, 3707.

⁶ Ill. Sub., C., Art. II, Sec. 4.

⁷ S. J., 13257, 13548, 13671.

1757. Non-beneficial members are entitled to the same rights and privileges as beneficial members, excepting the matter of benefits; they can vote and hold office. ¹

1758. A non-beneficial member can become a beneficial member by withdrawing from the Lodge and being admitted on a new application for beneficial membership. ²

1759. Every person admitted or reinstated as a non-beneficial member shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and advantages of membership, except benefits; and shall be subject to penalties and disabilities as other members, and no benefits shall be allowed to any non-beneficial member, nor shall any pecuniary relief be extended to such member from the funds of the Lodge, except upon the recommendation of some committee. ³

1760. If a brother be over fifty years of age, and in good standing, he may, if he desires, change his relations to the Order from that of a beneficial to a non-beneficial member, by withdrawing from the Lodge and applying for readmission as a non-beneficial member. ⁴

1761. A member of a defunct Subordinate can obtain a card from the Grand Secretary or Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction wherein the defunct Lodge was located, which card, acting as an expired withdrawal card, will enable him to join another Subordinate Lodge as an Ancient Odd Fellow. ⁵

1762. Where a brother joins a Lodge by card that is more remote from his residence than several others, the Lodge admitting him should be required to refund the money and cancel the membership. ⁶

1763. A brother joining a Lodge by card is presumed to know the law requiring him to join the one nearest his residence, and in joining one at a greater distance is guilty of a violation of law. ⁷

1764. When consent has been given by the proper authorities for the election and initiation of a non-resident, the Lodge having original jurisdiction has no claim for fees. ⁸

1765. Under the general law, a person can be admitted to membership in any Lodge in any jurisdiction, provided he has the consent of the Lodge located nearest his residence. This matter is, however, a subject of local legislation. A person whose application for membership in the Lodge located nearest his residence has been

¹ S. J., 12797, 13050, 13076.

² C., Sec. 427.

³ Ill. Sub. C., Art. X, Sec. 10.

⁴ S. J., 14688, 14973, 15068.

⁵ S. J., 11898, 12229, 12284.

⁶ S. J., 14685, 15019.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ S. J., 13782, 14036, 14070.

refused, is not thereby prevented from petitioning for membership in any other Lodge in the jurisdiction, provided that the Lodge nearest his residence shall consent thereto, and provided there is nothing in the law of the jurisdiction which prevents such application.¹

1766. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *Provided*, however, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.²

1767. No citizen of one State, District or Territory wherein Lodges or Encampments are established shall be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment of another State, District or Territory without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the State, District or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident.³

1768. A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any jurisdiction or sovereignty shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another jurisdiction or sovereignty without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled; *Provided*, however, that members suspended or dropped for the non-payment of dues only may be admitted to membership in another jurisdiction or sovereignty upon such conditions, and under such rules and regulations as the Sovereign Grand Lodge may have prescribed, or may at any time adopt.⁴

1769. Bar-tenders, saloon-keepers and gamblers excluded.—A saloon keeper, a bar-tender or a professional gambler is not eligible to membership in this Order.⁵

1770. A saloon-keeper or bar-tender taking a withdrawal card is entitled to the A. T. P. W., and may visit upon them one year though he continue the business.⁶ So, too, a suspended member for non-payment of dues is still a member, and if in the saloon business when suspended and has not abandoned it, he is eligible to reinstatement in his Lodge.⁷ But holders of a Grand Lodge card as members of a defunct Lodge, if saloon-keepers or bar-tenders, cannot be admitted to membership.⁸ A tavern-keeper is not neces-

¹ S. J., 12790, 13050, 13076.

² S. C., Art. XVI, Sec. 2.

³ S. C., Art. XVI, Sec. 3.

⁴ S. C., Art. XVI, Sec. 4.

⁵ S. C., Art. XVI, Sec. 5; see 132, *supra*. See Offenses, *infra*.

⁶ S. J., 14687, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14681, 15019.

⁸ S. J., 14683, 15019.

sarily excluded from membership under Section 5 of Article XVI. If, however, he has a bar in his house and tends it, he is a bar-tender, and as such, excluded.¹ A druggist is not a "saloon-keeper," though he sell liquor for other than mechanical, chemical and medicinal purposes.² But should a person, keeping a drug store, open a bar and sell liquor over it, to be drunk on his premises, he would become a saloon-keeper as well, and should he tend the bar as well as his drug store, he would become a bar-tender, and inadmissible into the Order.³ It is an evasion of Section 5 of Article XVI, and a violation of it, to propose and admit to membership, under title of "clerk," a person that tends bar in a saloon or other drinking place having a bar, over which liquors are dispensed to customers, though he also sell sandwiches or other light edibles,⁴ or a "saloon-keeper" under the designation of "a restaurant keeper," a "restaurant" being an "eating house," as distinguished from a "saloon" or "drinking house."⁵ A soldier in the U. S. service, detailed to do duty in the Post Exchange, may perform any of the duties assigned to him by his superior officer, whether in the beer or any other department, and in so doing is not a bar-tender, within the meaning of Section 5 of Article XVI. He is acting under orders that he is not at liberty to disobey.⁶ This amendment does not exclude from membership a waiter in a restaurant or hotel where there is no bar.⁷ Waiters in a dining-room of a hotel who serve meals to guests and with them wine or other liquors called for only, cannot be classed as bar-tenders.⁸ Either professional gamblers or those selling intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of the State were, before the fifth amendment was passed, subject to discipline and expulsion.⁹ A Grand Lodge may by law declare it "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," to engage in the saloon business, but it has no power to say that those engaged in it, when said amendment was passed, are guilty of such conduct, and subject them to it. A Grand Master cannot under the law excluding saloon-keepers from membership, change the form of admission so as to require the candidate to pledge himself not to engage in that business after admission, but the Grand Lodge may. Although this amendment takes from those in the Order no rights which they were then enjoying, so long as they continue to use them, yet should they at any time give up the business, they cannot again resume it, as that would be an overt act, for which they would be liable to charges.¹⁰ A saloon-keeper in the Order at the time of its passage, and only a Scarlet Degree member, is eligible to membership in the Encampment, or any other branch of the Order of which he is not a member. So, too, Initiatory members then engaged in the saloon business, if they have continued in it, may be advanced to all of the degrees, though so

¹ S. J., 14687, 15019.

² S. J., 14685, 15019.

³ *Id.*

⁴ S. J., 14687, 15093.

⁵ S. J., 14687, 15010, 15072.

⁶ S. J., 14684, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14686, 15019.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Sec. 132, *supra*.

¹⁰ S. J., 14681, 15019.

engaged when seeking advancement.¹ A member may change his membership, though in the saloon business, without subjecting himself to any disability under Section 5 of Article XVI. Depositing his visiting card and being elected to membership upon it before his Lodge votes the withdrawal card, makes his membership continuous, though it is not completed, until the card reaches the Lodge which he has joined and he has signed the Constitution.²

1771. Dropped.—A brother dropped for non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge may, within one year after being dropped, be reinstated upon application made in open Lodge by a member thereof, which shall be held over until the second meeting thereafter, the Secretary reading the same at each meeting, and be determined affirmatively on a ballot by a majority of the votes cast, and upon payment of such amount as the By-Laws of the Lodge may prescribe.³

1771 a. When the By-Laws of a Lodge provide for reference of applications for membership to a committee, but state that an applicant for reinstatement, upon payment of one year's dues, shall, upon ballot, be reinstated; no reference to a committee is required, but the By-Law is defective. It should require its reference to a committee, as in case of an applicant for membership.⁴

1772. If a brother dropped for non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge shall, after one year from being dropped, make application for reinstatement, his application shall be treated like a proposition for membership by initiation, except that the vote of a majority on ballot shall reinstate him.⁵

1773. A brother dropped from membership in this Lodge who may have been in membership in the Order for five consecutive years, and who may be over fifty years of age, may be reinstated as a non-beneficial member by a majority on ballot. His application must state age, occupation and residence, and be disposed of as required in the preceding section.⁶

1774. A brother dropped from membership in this Lodge who shall, any time within five years from being dropped, make written application for reinstatement and a withdrawal card for the purpose of joining another Lodge in Illinois, may be reinstated and granted a withdrawal card by a majority vote, upon ballot; and the reinstating vote shall grant the card also, without further ballot. But such application may, at the option of the Lodge, be referred to a committee for investigation, and shall be reported upon and acted on as soon thereafter as practicable.⁷

¹ S. J., 1896, 14683, 15019.

² S. J., 1896, 14687, 15019.

³ Ill. S. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 1.

⁴ S. J., 14686, 15019.

⁵ Ill. S. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 2.

⁶ Ill. S. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 3.

⁷ Ill. S. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 4.

1775. A member expelled by this Lodge may apply in writing for reinstatement. The application shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall ascertain whether the applicant has made such reformation, reparation or apology as is appropriate, and shall report to the Lodge. After reception of the report, the Lodge shall ballot on the application. If two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of reinstatement, the Secretary shall write to the Grand Lodge for permission to reinstate him; and if it be granted, he shall be thereby reinstated. No expelled member shall be reinstated without the payment of the same fee that is required from an initiate of the same age. But members expelled for non-payment before such action was forbidden shall be reinstated as dropped members. ¹

1776. No member shall be reinstated after having been dropped for non-payment of dues for less sums than are herein provided, viz.: Under Section 1771, *supra*, the amount of one year's dues, neither more nor less; under Section 1772, *supra*, the same fee as is charged for an initiate of the same age, or such lesser sum (not less than one year's dues) as the By-Laws may prescribe; under Section 1773, *supra*, a sum not less than one year's dues; under Section 1774, *supra*, the amount of one year's dues and the price of a card. ²

1777. Persons in the military service of the United States who have been stationed continually at one post for the space of six months or more may make application for membership in our Order, provided they apply to the nearest Lodge, or otherwise comply with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the application is made. ³

1778. (1) Any member of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of the Order, upon change of residence, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment without first applying for a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge in which he holds membership, by first obtaining a visiting card from such Body and depositing the same in the Lodge or Encampment in which he seeks to obtain membership.

(2.) Upon election of such brother by the Lodge or Encampment to which he shall apply for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which he is a member of such election, when, being free from all charges, and upon the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application, he shall be entitled to a withdrawal card. Read also Sec. 1725, *supra*.

(3.) Upon deposit of said card or certificate with said Lodge or Encampment in which he had been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fee required by the By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment. ⁴

¹ Ill. S. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 5.

² Ill. S. C., Art. X, Sec. 4.

³ S. J., 9027, 9102.

⁴ S. J., 10973, 11025.

1779. It is the duty of the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch to supervise all ball ballots and declare the result. Grand jurisdictions subordinate to this G. L. may authorize its Subordinates to enact By-Laws that the Vice Grand or Senior Warden may assist in the examination of the ballot and make known the result of his examination so far as to state whether the ballot is favorable or unfavorable. The whole matter is left to local legislation, except that the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch alone has the prerogative of deciding the result of a ballot. ¹

1780. A member cannot make known his ballot on an application for membership under any circumstances excepting those stated in Section 1733. ² It is the right of a brother to vote a secret ballot and he has not the right to conceal or expose the character of his vote at pleasure, except that in case of a voluntary motion of all those who cast black balls against an applicant for membership for a reconsideration of the ballot. In such case it is lawful for such brothers to expose the character of their vote. ³

1781. A rule providing that if only one black ball appears the balloting shall be deferred until the next regular meeting, when the ballot shall again be taken, is contrary to law. ⁴

1782. The obligation cannot be used in evidence in court against a member in his suit against the Lodge. ⁵

1783. A brother who deposits his withdrawal card in a Lodge is a member of that Lodge from the time of his election as a member, unless the local law provides as preliminary to membership that some other condition, for instance, that he shall sign the Constitution before becoming a member, shall be performed by him. ⁶

1784. No person shall be admitted to membership or reinstatement in this Lodge, or receive any degree or a card, until he shall have paid the amount required therefor by this Constitution or the By-Laws. When dues and special assessments or fines stand charged upon account, payments made shall apply to these in the order of their accruing. ⁷

1785. The S. G. L. has fixed no minimum fee for initiation nor for degrees. ⁸ Ill. G. L. law is that no person shall be admitted to membership for a less sum than is herein provided, viz.: By initiation, five dollars; by deposit of card, two dollars; as an Ancient Odd Fellow, five dollars; and as a non-beneficial member, five dollars. The fee for each degree shall not be less than three dollars. ⁹

¹ S. J., 10094, 10174.

² S. J., 11104, 11368, 11396.

³ S. J., 9806, 9820.

⁴ S. J., 9855, 10148, 10188.

⁵ S. J., 9503, 9669, 9734, 9801.

⁶ S. J., 10251, 10487, 10511.

⁷ Ill. S. C., Art. X, Sec. 1.

⁸ S. J., 14680, 15019.

⁹ Ill. S. C., Art. X, Secs. 2, 3.

1786. A brother having resigned membership is entitled to a certificate. If under charges, his resignation cannot be accepted, and the trial must proceed. Certificates of resignation are not granted on vote of Lodge, but issued by the proper officers. No particular form being prescribed, a certificate should set forth the fact that brother A, a member of such and such rank and degree inLodge, No. of the I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois, did at such date resign his membership in the Order, being in good standing, and signed by the N. G. and attested by the Secretary under seal. ¹

1787. A member in good standing and free from indebtedness may on his own written application, withdraw from the Order without taking a withdrawal card. Such resignation of membership completely severs his connection with the Order and he is no longer subject to its jurisdiction. ² A brother cannot resign while charges are pending against him. ³

1788. A Lodge is not bound to accept a resignation of membership when there is known ground for charges against the brother offering it; but in that case measures must be taken to bring the charges immediately; otherwise, the resignation must be accepted. No further action is necessary on a resignation to which there is no objection than to have the fact entered on the record, and comply with 1786, *supra*. ⁴

1789. Any person disqualified for membership under the fundamental law of the Order (as an Indian, Chinese, or Negro, by race; or a woman, by sex) cannot be permitted to visit by card, however regularly initiated or accredited. ⁵

1790.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF STANDING FOR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
TO AN ENCAMPMENT OR REBEKAH LODGE.

*Hall of.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.
At....., Illinois,, 18..*

This certifies that Bro.....is a member of this Lodge in good standing [and of the Third Degree].

[SEAL.]

Sec'y of.....Lodge, No.....

This certificate is given without a vote of the Lodge; it is given as a matter of course to any brother who asks it for its proper purpose. Either Secretary of a Lodge may give this certificate in the absence of specific law; but if attested by the seal, it should not be given by the Permanent Secretary, as that is not in his keeping. (Part in bracket omitted for Rebekah Lodge.) ⁶

¹ C., 540.

² S. J., 805, 1449, 1480.

³ S. J., 7089.

⁴ C., 541.

⁵ S. J., 6977.

⁶ S. J., 10523.

1791. A brother loses good standing in the Order when he renounces it; and if he continues his connection thereafter, it must be considered that he recalls or repents of it; and if the Lodge allows such connection to continue, it condones and forgives the offense and is estopped ever afterwards from pleading same as against the brother or his widow and children, and more especially should this be held after a period of several years has elapsed. ¹

1792. The preference of a Masonic to an Odd Fellows' burial is no evidence whatever of a renunciation. ²

1793. The refusal of a charter by the Grand Lodge to a Lodge working under dispensation terminates membership. ³

1794. A representative to the Grand Lodge from such Lodge, though appointed upon a committee, cannot accept after the refusal of its charter. Its refusal terminates the existence of the dispensation. ⁴

1795. A brother seeking to change his membership under the laws of 1880 and 1885, by depositing his visiting card, and being elected, sickens and dies after his Lodge votes a withdrawal card, but before it reaches the Lodge electing him, he not having signed the Constitution and By-Laws, nor paid the admission fee, is not entitled to sick or funeral benefits from either Lodge. ⁵

1796. Where a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and under the local laws his dues continue to accumulate, and he does not want to be reinstated or take a dismissal certificate, but desires to pay the dues standing against him at the time of suspension and all that have accrued since, resign his membership and leave the Lodge honorably, the Lodge may refuse to receive the money if he will not allow himself to be reinstated or receive a dismissal certificate. He must be in good standing or he cannot resign his membership. He should be reinstated to place him in good standing. ⁶

1797. Degrees and ranks.—The degrees of a Subordinate Lodge are the First Degree, or Degree of Friendship; the Second Degree, or Degree of Brotherly Love; and the Third Degree, or Degree of Truth. The Third Degree is also called in the ritual "the Scarlet Degree or Priestly Order." The degrees must be taken in the order of their number. The first and second are not designated at any time by their colors. The term "Initiatory Degree" is used to signify that grade or position in the Order into which one is brought by initiation, before taking any of the degrees proper, above named.

¹ 6596, 6612, 6689; but see Evans case; S. J., 10405.

² S. J., 10405, 10443.

³ S. J., 14680, 15033.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ S. J., 14680, 15019.

⁶ S., 9160, 9161, 9324, 9442.

A meeting is said to be in the Initiatory Degree when held so as to admit all members, irrespective of grade. ¹

1798. All members of the Order who have received the First and Second Degrees under the old work, are entitled to rank as members of the First Degree of the revised work. All members who have received the Third and Fourth Degrees of the old work are entitled to rank as members of the Second Degree of the revised work; and all members who have received the Fifth Degree of the old work are entitled to rank as members of the Third Degree of the revised work. ² The same rule must determine the rank of an Ancient Odd Fellow, or reinstated member, or holder of a dismissal certificate, who has not received the new work. ³

1799. No degree shall be conferred upon a candidate until, by examination in open Lodge, he shall have been found proficient in the highest degree he shall have attained; *i. e.*, in possession of the unwritten work thereof, so as to give an intelligent explanation of its uses and, as near as may be, in the language of said work; *Provided, however*, that when urgent necessity is shown, and a dispensation therefor shall have been granted, such examination may be dispensed with, and one or more degrees conferred upon an initiate on the night of his initiation, or upon a First Degree member on the night of his receiving said degree. ⁴

1800. The conferring of degrees may be done at special meetings called for that purpose. ⁵

1801. A member desiring to receive any degree or degrees shall pay to the Secretary of the Lodge the fee or fees therefor, who shall, under the proper order of business, make known his desire to the Lodge, at a regular meeting thereof, stating which degree or degrees are desired; whereupon (the candidate being in waiting) the Lodge shall be opened in the highest degree the candidate has attained, when he shall be admitted and examined by the Noble Grand, or other brother, under his direction, as to his proficiency, as required in Section 1799, *supra*; after which (the candidate having retired) the Noble Grand shall put the question as to his proficiency to a vote of the Lodge while open in that degree; and if a majority declare him proficient, the degree shall be conferred upon him, but if declared not proficient, it shall not be conferred until, upon further examination, he shall be declared proficient. ⁶

1802. It is illegal for a deputy to grant a dispensation to allow the conferring of a degree for which regular application has not been made to the Lodge. ⁷

¹ Ritual.

² S. J., 8412.

³ S. J., 8534, 8701, 8767.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. VI, Sec. 1.

⁵ Ill. Sub. C., Art. VI, Sec. 2.

⁶ Sub. C., Art. VI, Sec. 2.

⁷ C., 851.

1803. No more than one candidate for membership shall be balloted for at the same time. ¹

1804. A member absent from this Lodge who shall have paid the fee or fees for any of the degrees may, upon application, receive a certificate requesting any Lodge to which it may be presented, to confer upon him the degree or degrees therein specified. ²

1805. The fees for degrees applied for must be paid when the application is made, before the ballot. ³

1806. If fees for degrees are paid and the brother withdraws before receiving the degrees, the money must be refunded. ⁴

1807. A Lodge is not compelled to give a brother his degrees; his proficiency must be voted upon, and it is for the members to decide whether he shall advance or not, and no one can question that right. ⁵

1808. The character and conduct of an applicant for degrees previous to his admission into the Order cannot affect his eligibility to degrees; but when a brother is a candidate for degrees and objections are filed, the brothers voting on his application should be guided solely by their judgment on the question whether he is, at the time, worthy or not. ⁶

1809. No Lodge shall confer degrees upon any member of another Lodge without the consent of the Lodge to which the member belongs, given under its seal. ⁷ No Lodge has the right to give a certificate to receive the degrees until the fees are paid. The Lodge to which the applicant belongs is entitled to the fees. It is the duty of a Lodge receiving such certificate to confer the degree. ⁸

1810. It is the duty of any Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate, if the holder be in good standing, to confer the degree upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate. ⁹

1811. A certificate to authorize a brother to receive his degrees away from the location of his Lodge can only be granted by application to his Lodge at a regular session. When open as a degree Lodge the application cannot be made. ¹⁰

1812. The Noble Grand, or the Lodge by resolution, may call special meetings for initiation or for conferring degrees. ¹¹

¹ S. J., 2700.

² Ill. Sub. C., Art. VI, Sec. 3.

³ Sub. C., Art. X, Sec. 1.

⁴ C., 855.

⁵ S. J., 5279, 5475, 5841, 5919, 5950.

⁶ C., 857; S. C., Art. II, Sec. 6.

⁷ S. B.-L., Art. XII.

⁸ S. J., 4069, 4187, 4201.

⁹ S. J., 5553, 5578.

¹⁰ S. J., 4240, 4414, 4430.

¹¹ C., 862.

1813. It is not consistent with the rules of the Order for any one to make or use any writings relating to the degrees or rank of this Order unless the same be done under the authority of the S. G. L.¹ No charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies or regalia can be used unless prescribed by the S. G. L. The form for opening and closing in degree work is to be used by Subordinate Lodges in all cases.² It is a gross violation of law for a Lodge to use or have in its possession, any work purporting to be the secret work of Odd Fellowship, except that issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, certified by the Grand Secretary, under seal.³ The changes in the ritual, sent to Grand Secretaries by order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, should be communicated by them to the Subordinates, as fast as possible and not wait for the session of the Grand Lodge, but they must not be reprinted. That is the prerogative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge only. The unwritten work can only be communicated orally.⁴

1814. No Lodge room within the jurisdiction of this Grand Body shall be used for the conferring of any degrees or secret work not provided for by the existing laws of the Order; and any officer of Subordinate or other Lodge or Lodges who may aid or permit such degrees to be conferred in such Lodge rooms shall be guilty of a violation of the laws of the Order. This does not affect, however, any proceedings in such Lodge room by other secret associations not under the color of Odd Fellowship.⁵ It is a violation of law to rehearse any degrees or secret work in the Lodge room, except the authorized work prepared by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.⁶

1815. Rank does not mean the highest degree one has received, but highest official title.⁷

1816. A member of a State Grand Lodge who is expelled from that Body takes the rank in his Lodge of a Past Grand.⁸

1816 a. A Subordinate Lodge does not relinquish its prerogative (an inherent right) to confer the degrees upon its own members, by agreeing that a degree Lodge shall be instituted.⁹

1817. Degree Lodges can confer degrees only on certificates issued by Subordinate Lodges, in which application must be had and proficiency voted on. Qualifications for office are determined by local legislation. The presiding officer is called Degree Master, but has no title or honorary distinction as a Past Officer. The V. G. of

¹ S. J., 1785.

² Sec. 87, *supra*; S. C., Art. I, Sec. 5; S. J., 1785, 3512, 3558.

³ S. J., 14683, 15019.

⁴ S. J., 14680, 14973, 15068.

⁵ S. J., 4855, 4894. Sov. By-Laws Art. XX.

⁶ S. J., 14683, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 4993, 5185, 5222.

⁸ S. J., 4129, 4197.

⁹ S. J., 5280, 5497, 5544, 6350, 6619, 6692.

a degree Lodge is entitled the Deputy Degree Master; the R. and L. Supporter of the N. G. and V. G. become the first, second, third and fourth Assistant Degree Masters; the Secretary, Treasurer, Past Grand Warden, Conductor and Guardians are officers as in the Subordinate Lodge. Other officers as required may be created by local legislation.¹ No member can occupy any position or deliver any charge in a degree staff that he is not qualified to fill by the rank he has attained as a member of the Order.²

¹ Ritual, S. J., 3180, 3233, 3266.

² S. J., 14687, 15019.

CHAPTER VIII.

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1818. Violations of the laws of the Order generally.—If any member of the Subordinate Lodge shall be found guilty of conduct contrary to the laws of the Order, or in violation of its principles as set forth in its lectures, charges and obligations, or shall be found guilty of any dishonest or immoral act or practice, injurious to himself, his family, or to society, or by which the Order may be scandalized, he shall be subjected to such penalty as the laws of this jurisdiction or the discretion of the Lodge may prescribe. ¹

1819. Acts prior to admission generally not punishable.—As a general rule, a brother cannot be put on trial for an offense said to have been committed prior to his becoming a member of the Order, unless the offense was one not previously discovered. ²

1820. Unworthy member entitled to trial.—A person admitted into the Order who is unworthy of membership can be expelled only after a proper trial, upon charges duly preferred and investigated. ³

1821. One who has been irregularly elected through fraud or error may be expelled therefor after initiation, upon proper trial. His initiation cannot be made void. ⁴ If he fraudulently misrepresents his age and thereby gains admission to either branch of the Order, or obtains thereby a reduction in fees required by the Lodge or Encampment, he may be expelled upon trial and conviction therefor, and even after his death the fact of such fraud may be determined after due notice has been given to the representatives or family of the deceased, and in case it is established the Lodge or Encampment shall be discharged from all responsibilities growing out of his initiation. ⁵

1822. Offenses enumerated.—The following-named acts are recognized by special enactments and decisions, or by general laws, as offenses for which an Odd Fellow is liable to penalty:

(1.) Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, which may be, first, any crime, vice or immorality injurious to the member himself, to his family, or to society, or by which the Order may be scandalized; or second, any violation of the principles of the Order or of its special obligations.

(2.) Violation of the obligation of secrecy as to the work of the Order or the private business of a Lodge.

(3.) Violating the secrecy of a ballot.

(4.) Countenancing a spurious Lodge.

(5.) The use of unauthorized work.

¹ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 2.

² S. J., 13782, 14036, 14070.

³ S. J., 1475, 1511.

⁴ S. J., 2146, 2177.

⁵ S. J., 3601, 3679.

(6.) Neglecting the sick of one's own or another Lodge; in either case the punishment must be the same.

(7.) Misrepresentation of age or other fraud in obtaining membership.

(8.) Using in one's private business the name, title, mottoes or emblems of the Order, or one's membership or official position therein.

(9.) Publishing or circulating any unauthorized diploma or certificate, or putting a Lodge seal thereon.

(10.) Using for one's self money belonging to the Order without permission, or withholding it, even without fraudulent intent. ¹

(11.) Resistance to the civil government; opposing the execution of law; inciting or encouraging others to resist or oppose officers in the execution of their duty; preventing citizens from aiding the government.

(12.) Electioneering for office in a Grand or Subordinate Lodge; issuing or circulating any electioneering documents.

(13.) Playing cards or gaming for pecuniary profit.

(14.) Drunkenness or intoxication.

(15.) Contempt of a Lodge, which may be avoiding or failing to obey its summons in case of trial or refusing to submit to a penalty.

(16.) Malicious information or complaint against a brother.

(17.) Making or sharing in illegal distribution of the funds or property of a Lodge.

(18.) Abusing the charitable disposition of the Order.

(19.) Profession of atheism. Belief in the existence of a Supreme Being is a prerequisite to admission to our Order; and the subsequent denial of such a belief is one of the gravest offenses known to the Order, and subjects the offender to expulsion. ²

(20.) Becoming a saloon-keeper or bar-tender.

(21.) Conviction of felony by the laws of the land.

(22.) Wearing regalia to which one is not entitled. ³

1823. Member breaking promise to return loan, subject to discipline.—A member of the Order in good standing, evidenced by holding an unexpired visiting card, issued in conformity with the laws of the Order by his Lodge or Encampment, and having the A.T.P.W., being in distress, or pretending so to be, and needing money, and who having asked for and received from a Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, a sum of money, under the assurance and promise that he will return or repay the same within a given time, or so soon as he returns home, but who shall neglect

¹ S. J., 7406, 7478.

² C., 620, 621.

³ S. J., 11351, 11392.

to do so after a reasonable time thereafter, without a satisfactory excuse being rendered, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; and due notice of such facts having been officially communicated to his Lodge by the Lodge or Encampment so loaning him the money, it shall be the duty of his Lodge to notify him of such indebtedness or loan, and to demand payment thereof. And if he then refuses or neglects to pay the same, his Lodge shall prefer charges against him, try him, and if found guilty, and without sufficient mitigating circumstances, expel him from the Order. If there be such mitigating circumstances, then impose such penalty as the Lodge may deem best.¹

1824. Obtaining password improperly and relief from another Lodge.—A brother acquiring the semi-annual password improperly and by making use of it, obtaining relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, is guilty of a double fraud upon the Order and should be required to refund the amount received and be punished by his Lodge for the offense.²

1825. Using seal or documents of Lodge without authority.—Grand Bodies are required to expel from their own membership and Subordinates to expel from the Order, any member thereof who shall attach to any chart, certificate, diploma, or other document any copy or impression of the seal of the S. G. L., or of the seal of any Grand or Subordinate Lodge of which he has not the official use and custody. The above-named bodies shall inflict the same penalty upon any member knowingly publishing or circulating any diploma or certificate purporting to be by authority of the Order which is not authorized by law.³

1826. Countenancing spurious Lodge.—Any Lodge or brother who shall be connected in organizing, or who shall countenance or support, or who shall knowingly visit any Lodge in the State of Illinois purporting to be Odd Fellows, and not possessing a legal, unreclaimed and valid charter, duly granted and presented or confirmed by this Grand Lodge, shall be deemed unworthy of fellowship; and such brother, upon satisfactory proof, shall be suspended or expelled, at the option of the Lodge of which he is a member; and any brother so suspended or expelled shall not be reinstated unless the Grand Lodge assents thereto; nor shall any person who has been in membership in any spurious or illegal Lodge be received into any regular Lodge without the consent of the Grand Lodge.⁴

1827. Official misconduct.—An officer of a Lodge, in addition to his liability to discipline as a member of the Lodge, is also liable to trial and penalty for official misconduct, or misconduct in his duties as an officer, the penalty for which depends upon local laws and the

¹ S. J., 6310, 6326.

² S. J., 2826; C., 623.

³ S. J., 4186, 4201.

⁴ Ill. G. L. By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 4.

nature and degree of the offense. But if the official misconduct also impugns his character as a man and an Odd Fellow, he is liable to separate trial and penalty, on charge regularly preferred, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. ¹

1828. Member engaging in disreputable business.—If any member of a Lodge enters into any occupation calculated to bring disgrace upon himself and the Order, a Lodge may discipline him for offense against the principles of the Order. The Grand Lodge should in any case sustain a Lodge in subjecting to its discipline any member pursuing any occupation or business which, in the opinion of the Lodge, injures the Lodge, damages its reputation and scandalizes the Order in the place where the Lodge is located. ²

1829. Sentence to penitentiary requires expulsion.—When the member of the Order is convicted of a crime, and is sentenced, and is serving a term in a State prison, charges shall be preferred against him in the Lodge of which he is a member, and upon the facts being established and the member fully identified, he must be expelled. ³

1830. Obtaining credit fraudulently through membership.—The Constitution of a Subordinate Lodge provides that a member who shall obtain credit expressly by reason of being an Odd Fellow, and shall violate the terms of such credit, shall be guilty of an offense against the laws of the Order. It is held that in such a case to render a member of a Lodge amenable for an offense against the laws of the Order, he must have used the fact of his membership in some way for purpose of fraud or imposition. ⁴

1831. Embezzlement punishable as conduct unbecoming.—Embezzlement is an offense against good morals, a crime and a consequent violation of law, as well those of the State as those of the Order, and one who is guilty thereof is guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. ⁵

1832. Engaging in saloon business.—Under the new Section 5, of Article XVI, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, a brother is liable to charges who, not being engaged as a saloon-keeper or bar-tender at the time the law was passed, has since engaged in it. So also when a brother gives up the business he cannot again return to it without violating the law. ⁶

1833. Intoxication of representative at session of G. L. expels.—When a representative attending the session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois shall be found intoxicated, the same shall be re-

¹ C., 626; S. J., 1318.

² C., 629.

³ S. J., 14580, 14609.

⁴ S. J., 12353, 12616, 12652.

⁵ S. J., 13435, 13563.

⁶ S. J., 14681, 15019.

ported to the Grand Master, who shall immediately report the offending brother to his Lodge, and request that he be expelled at once. ¹

1834. The following acts have been decided to be outside of the jurisdiction of a Lodge, for which it may not bring a member to trial or inflict a penalty or disability:

(1.) The departure of an officer from a Lodge during session, provided the departure does not involve neglect of duty.

(2.) The taking of the books of the Permanent Secretary from the Lodge room for the purpose of posting them.

(3.) Trying to prevent the offering of a petition for membership, unless done maliciously or with fraud.

(4.) Opposing the election of a candidate.

(5.) Casting a black ball in a ballot. Neither the act nor its reasons or motives can be inquired into. No member of the Order may be required to give his reason for any vote he may cast. ² There is no law, rule or usage in our Order authorizing an inquiry into the conduct of a member for casting a black ball. It cannot even be demanded of him whether he has cast one.

(6.) Speaking to members of the Order of transactions and proceedings of a Lodge that are not private in their nature.

(7.) Voting for one's self in an election. Elections are by ballot, and no man's vote can be examined into.

(8.) The temperate use of stimulating drinks, or intoxicating liquors; but intemperance is contrary to the cardinal principles of the Order. ³

(9.) Failure of non-official members to attend the regular meetings.

(10.) Actions which are part of political controversies, generally; but there may be exceptions. ⁴

(11.) The saying in debate that the report of a committee is false in its presentation of facts and in its conclusions. Such language is ground for charges only when uttered in malice.

(12.) Pecuniary transactions in which no intent to defraud is apparent.

(13.) Failure to pay one's dues to his Encampment.

Pecuniary relations among brothers, which are of a civil nature, and do not entail public scandal on the Order, have never been considered the subject of legislation, and ought not to be allowed to vex the brotherhood. Such matters are of a strictly private nature, and

¹ Ill. J., Vol. VIII, 108.

² Sov., 2132, 2174.

³ S. J., 1503, 1504, 1513.

⁴ S. J., 1061.

though they may, and do oftentimes, cause individual trouble and personal enmity, yet they are generally of so delicate a nature that it would be unsafe, ungenerous, and injurious to give them public prominence and attention. ¹ An attempt to collect debts or to enforce any kind of a pecuniary obligation, through the instrumentality of our code of trials, is subversive of justice, and against the spirit and teachings of our Order; unless, the obligation was incurred through some false pretense, or the transaction involves some act of personal dishonesty subjecting the offender to a prosecution and conviction under the laws of the land. ² The machinery of our Order cannot be used for enforcing the collection of debts or financial obligations between individual members. All such matters, which are of a strictly civil nature, should be submitted to the legal institutions of the land for adjustment. ³

1835. Persons illegally but innocently admitted.—Persons who, from no fault of their own, are illegally initiated or inadvertently admitted cannot be discharged from membership for that reason. ⁴

1836. Attending meetings to organize new Lodge not objectionable.—Participations in meetings of Odd Fellows for the purpose of considering the question of organizing a new Lodge, to be composed in part of members of the Lodge to which the accused belongs who should take withdrawal cards for the purpose, is not an offense against the Order. ⁵

1837. The general obligation of secrecy refers primarily to ritualistic and such other matters as should not be spoken of to those not members of the Order. It does not prohibit a brother from speaking of Lodge business to a member of the Lodge not present at Lodge meeting. ⁶

1838. Profane swearing, gambling and intemperance.—A Grand Lodge has declared that it “regards the practice of intemperance, gambling and profane swearing as immoral and impious,” and has directed its Subordinates to treat these practices as in violation of the laws of the Order; but it is held that a single instance of profane swearing does not come within the provisions above cited. ⁷

1838 a. No smoking.—If legislation be necessary to suppress the improper practice of smoking and insure proper decorum in the Lodge room while the Lodge is in session, a By-Law is the proper remedy. ⁸

¹ S. J., 6614, 6690.

² S. J., 8077, 8174.

³ Ill. J., IX, 907.

⁴ S. J., 3182, 3234, 3266.

⁵ S. J., 12553, 12646.

⁶ S. J., 12354, 12632, 12701.

⁷ S. J., 12353, 12616, 12653.

⁸ Ill. J., 1895, 148, 223, 224.

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1839. The right to impartial trial.—The right of an impartial trial is given by our laws to every brother, except for non-payment of dues. A brother cannot be punished by reprimand, suspension or expulsion, except upon conviction by his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, upon charges duly preferred. The brother accused is entitled to be present during all of the proceedings except when penalty is decided upon, to have such notice of the charges and time of trial as will permit him to properly prepare his defense and the proceedings of such committee, and the action of the Lodge should appear on the records of the Lodge, so that the rights of all interested may be protected.¹

1840. Suspended members liable to discipline.—Members under suspension are under the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and liable to further punishment for misconduct during suspension. When a member has been dropped for non-payment of dues, his connection with the Lodge is not entirely severed, and he is still under its jurisdiction; charges can be preferred against him, and he can be tried and punished. If charges were pending against him at the time of dropping, the trial must proceed. It is not only the right, but the duty of the Lodges to try and punish any dropped member who has become notoriously disreputable.

1841. Dropping for non-payment of dues, effect of.—In Illinois, dropping for non-payment of dues takes the place of indefinite suspension for non-payment of dues, and such dropped persons stand in the same relation to the jurisdiction of the Lodge as under former laws or general laws persons stood when suspended for non-payment of dues. This appears in the enactment of the S. G. L. in 1870 on non-payment, wherein the words "suspended or dropped" are used several times, evidently as equivalent terms; and "suspension" is used to refer to the action of the Lodge which has before been expressed by "suspended or dropped."²

1842. A Subordinate Lodge is the proper tribunal to try all cases of delinquency when the charge is cognizable under the law.³

¹ S. J. 14896, 14919.

³ S. J., 4992, 5194, 5245.

² C., 617.

1843. Lapse of time sometimes bars prosecution.—Unless there are circumstances which take the case out of the ordinary rules, an offense alleged to have been committed ten or fourteen years before the preferment of charges would not be a proper subject for charges, owing to the lapse of time. ¹

1844. Three years no bar.—In the absence of local law, three years does not bar the right to prosecute a member for an offense. ²

1845. One trial only for same offense.—The defendant having once been put upon his trial, and a penalty imposed, cannot again be called upon to defend himself against the same charges. ³

1846. May be tried in Sub. or Reb. Lodge.—A member guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow in a Rebekah Lodge may be tried in that Lodge or in his Subordinate Lodge. If tried in his Lodge, Rebekahs may appear before the commissioner and give testimony. ⁴

1847. Intoxication.—The object of the law is to punish a member for going in indulgence of his appetite for liquor beyond the limits of sobriety. He may drink as much liquor as he pleases, and be guilty of no offense against the law, provided he remains sober. ⁵

1848. Tribunals of the Order should be sought first.—Redress for grievances connected with Odd Fellowship should be sought in the tribunals of the Order, and neither a Subordinate Body nor a member thereof should appeal to the civil courts until all remedies provided by the Order have been exhausted; ⁶ but the general law does not require a brother to exhaust his remedies in the Order before resorting to the civil courts. If the Constitution or By-Laws of his Lodge require it, he must do so in order to gain a standing in court, as they form his contract with the Lodge. ⁷

1849. Accused presumed innocent. Effect of charges.—A member under charges and during the investigation thereof is presumed to be innocent and can participate in the work of the Lodge. He is entitled to watchers, burial, and his family to funeral benefits. The only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a certificate of resignation, a withdrawal or visiting card, and where the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision. When they do not relate to benefits he is entitled to them if otherwise qualified. ⁸

¹ S. J., 12354, 12616, 12653.

² S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 14439, 14471; Sec. 1947.

⁴ S. J., 14248, 14487, 14570.

⁵ C., 752.

⁶ S. J., 13782, 14036, 14070.

⁷ S. J., 14678, 15019.

⁸ S. J., 2132, 2174, 5194, 5245.

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- “ 1890.—Official misconduct of an officer, procedure.
- “ 1891.—Plea of justifiable act with plea of not guilty.

1850. Information of an offense first given N. G. Investigating Committee.—If any member of this Lodge shall have reason to believe that any other has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, it shall be his duty immediately to give notice of such violation or offense, in writing, to the Noble Grand. The Noble Grand shall forthwith refer a copy of such written communication (concealing the name of the informant) to a special committee of three members; which committee shall proceed, without delay, to investigate the matter therein stated; and if, in their opinion, there is just ground therefor, they shall, as early as practicable, prefer a charge or charges against the member so accused, specifying therein the particular matter or offense with which he is charged; and the committee shall have charge of the prosecution on the part of the Lodge. ¹

1851. If the holder of an unexpired withdrawal card is guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, it is the duty of any member of the Lodge that granted the card, upon knowledge of such conduct, to file an information with the Noble Grand, as if the holder of the card were still a member of the Lodge. Such information is dealt with as if against a member of the Lodge. If the committee reports charges, the Lodge must forthwith annul the withdrawal card. ² It is not necessary to prove charges before annulment. ³

1852. Accusation maliciously made.—If any member of the Lodge shall make to the Noble Grand any accusation against a brother, under Section 1850, *supra*, which shall be proved to be without reasonable grounds, or false and malicious, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to deliver up the name of the informant to the Lodge, on demand of a majority of the members thereof present, that he may be dealt with accordingly. ⁴

1853. Complaint or information, form of.—The notice of offense given in writing, Section 1850, *supra*, to the Noble Grand, should contain a statement of the alleged offense, with the names of witnesses to substantiate the complaint, and be signed by the complainant. This paper and its contents are properly styled a complaint or information, though they are sometimes erroneously called charges in the Journal. ⁵

1853 a. FORM OF AN INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT.

To the Noble Grand of.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F., of Illinois:

I have reason to believe that our Brother..... has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and request that the matter be investigated.

He is charged with (here state the particular offense or offenses; but the details of the evidence need not be given.)

Witnesses are Brothers A. B. and C. D. and Messrs. E. F. and G. H.

(Signed).....

¹ Ill. Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 3.

² C., 640.

³ S. J., 1246, 1722, 1841, 2145, 3030, 9159, 9442.

⁴ Ill. Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 17.

⁵ C., 642.

1853 b.—The Noble Grand keeps this paper and refers a copy only, without the signature of the complainant, to the committee, which he should appoint in writing, to investigate it. The information is never presented to the Lodge, unless the complainant chooses to present it openly; in that case it may be addressed to the Lodge and not to the Noble Grand. The information must be signed by the brother who presents it.

FORM OF APPOINTMENT.

Hall of.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.
.....Ill.,189..

To Brothers A., B. and C. of said Lodge:

Complaint in writing, in due form, having been made to the undersigned that Brother L. M. of said Lodge has committed an offense against the Laws of the Order, you are hereby appointed the committee to investigate the matter; on your acceptance hereof, a copy of this complaint, with the names of the witnesses, will be given to you.

Please proceed promptly with the investigation, but with due care and caution, and report the facts to me with all convenient speed.

Fraternally,

.....N. G.

1853 c.—The name of an informant is, except in case of open information, provided for in Section 1856, *infra*, a secret pertaining to the office of N. G., and should that officer retire from the chair during the pendency of an investigation or trial, by expiration of term or from any other cause, he should communicate that "secret" to his successor, in order that it may be officially delivered up to the Lodge should it be found necessary to prosecute the informing brother for having made an unfounded, false and malicious accusation. A brother who has been tried and acquitted upon charges has no right to demand the name of an informant. The N. G. can give it up only on demand of a majority of members present, and for the constitutional reason only. ¹

1854. Holder of unexpired withdrawal card may prefer complaint.—A brother holding an unexpired withdrawal card may prefer complaint for unworthy conduct against a member of his Lodge during the year for which such card extends. ² In the absence of any local regulation upon the subject a member of one Subordinate Lodge desiring to prefer a charge or charges against a member or members of another Subordinate Lodge shall present such charge or charges in the usual form to the Lodge of which he (the accuser) is a member; said Lodge shall forthwith forward to the Lodge to which the accused may belong a certified copy of the charge or charges, over the signatures of the N. G. and Secretary, and attested by the seal of the Lodge; and the Lodge to which such charge or charges shall be sent shall proceed to hear and determine the same, in like manner as if preferred by a member of its own body. ³

¹ C., 643.

² S. J., 2561, 2629, 2664.

³ S. J., 2565, 5195, 5245.

1855. Brother under charges may file complaint.—A brother who is himself under charges may file a complaint. A brother who has deposited an information with the N. G. may not withdraw it unless entirely satisfied that the complaint is false. ¹

1856. Another Lodge or member thereof may make open complaint.—Any other Lodge in this jurisdiction, or a member of any other Lodge, if his own Lodge will forward his complaint attesting his good standing, or a member of this Lodge, may prefer an open complaint or information against any member of this Lodge; and such complaint shall be treated as complaints or informations mentioned in Article VII, Section 3, Sub. Const., but the complaint shall be read in open Lodge, and the committee thereon there appointed. ²

1857. Complaint against Noble Grand, how made.—When a Noble Grand has been guilty of an offense against the laws of the Order, information thereof should be given to the V. G., who will privately appoint the Committee of Investigation provided for in Section 1850. Should such committee prefer charges, the V. G. should take the chair and act as N. G., whenever the charges, or the trial, or any business relating to them, is before the Lodge. ³

1858. During the pendency of charges, no suspension.—An officer is not suspended from the performance of his duties during the pendency of charges against him, except so far as those duties may have a relation to the charges, such as the appointment of the whole or a part of the committee to try them, or in acting upon the report. ⁴

1859. Committee to investigate rumors, illegal.—The appointment of a committee to investigate rumors regarding the conduct of a brother in good standing, contrary to his wishes and prior to information against him according to law, is illegal. ⁵

1860. Ex-parte examination may be had, when.—An *ex-parte* examination of the conduct of a brother is allowable when demanded by the party interested, or by a friend authorized by him. ⁶

1861. Withdrawal card, annulment of.—A Lodge granting a withdrawal card has the power to annul it for good cause arising between its granting and expiration, upon giving notice; where charges are pending, notice not required. After the expiration of the twelve months the card becomes null and all jurisdiction over the holder ceases. ⁷

¹ C., 645.

² Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 4.

³ S. J., 4716, 4842, 4870; C., 648.

⁴ S. J., 5194, 5245.

⁵ S. J., 8331, 8440.

⁶ C., 619.

⁷ S. J., 1722, 1797, 1401, 1476, 1512.

1862. Jurisdiction, when Lodge granting withdrawal card loses.—When the holder of a withdrawal card has within a few months after its issue deposited the same in, and thereby becomes a member of, another Lodge, the Lodge issuing the card has no jurisdiction over him. ¹

1863. A member cannot be suspended or expelled for misconduct at any other than a regular meeting of the Lodge, or at a meeting specially called for the trial. ²

1864. When the accused brother pleads guilty, the Lodge may proceed to vote upon his punishment without the formality of a trial. ³

1865. Action on the complaint by the Investigating Committee.—A complaint privately filed with the N. G. is referred to a committee appointed by him; and unless they find evidence sufficient on which to base a charge or charges, they should so report privately to the Noble Grand. The proceedings had upon such complaint are *ex parte* and unless charges are brought by the committee, the matter should remain a secret with the N. G. and Investigating Committee. No report should be made to the Lodge, and no action can be taken by the Lodge. ⁴

1866. The complainant should not be placed on the committee to investigate the complaint and bring in the charges. ⁵

1867. Neither N. G. nor V. G. should be a member of Prosecuting Committee.—The rule which the S. G. L. applies to the trial committee must, in Illinois, apply to the Prosecuting Committee. Neither the N. G. nor V. G. should be a member of it. This is a rule of expediency, because the N. G. is the executive officer of the Lodge, and the V. G. should not be on the committee, as he may be called on to preside. ⁶

1868. Complaint may not be dismissed because committee has not acted.—If the committee to whom a complaint is referred is absent when their report is expected, that is not sufficient reason for dismissing the complaint. The Constitution does not fix a time for the report of the committee. ⁷

1869. Committee may call assistance.—Whenever the members of a committee feel themselves incompetent to conduct a trial, they should be permitted to call to their assistance any brother skilled in law, rules of evidence, etc. ⁸

¹ S. J., 3030, 3083, 3113.

² C., 703.

³ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 9; S. J., 806, 2620, 2650.

⁴ C., 654.

⁵ C., 650, 654.

⁶ S. J., 7024, 7077; C., 651.

⁷ C., 652.

⁸ C., 653.

1870. Report of Investigating Committee.—No appeal may be taken from the report of an Investigating Committee on complaint. There are actually no charges preferred or pending for the action of the Lodge until the committee reports. The minority of a Committee of Investigation upon a complaint, desiring to submit a report, must present it to the same meeting of the Lodge that receives the report of the majority; otherwise the privilege to submit a minority report at all is forfeited.¹

1871. Form of the report of Investigating Committee and charges presented therewith:

CHARGES.

To the officers and members of.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F. of Illinois:

The undersigned, your committee appointed to investigate the complaint against Bro., a member of this Lodge, respectfully report that we have made due investigation as to the matter complained of, and find from the evidence that..... may be and probably is guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. We therefore prefer the following charges:

CHARGE I. We charge Bro., of this Lodge with (here insert the offense), for example: intoxication. If accused has been convicted, state whether first or second conviction, thus: "the same being his second or third offense; said Brother having already been convicted once or twice of intoxication."

SPECIFICATION 1. (That he was intoxicated at Grove in the city of..... on the 4th day of July, 1896, between the hours of 2 and 7 o'clock P. M.)

SPECIFICATION 2. (That he was intoxicated at a public entertainment held at Smith's Hall, located at No. 580 A street in the city of....., on the 22nd of February, 1896, between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock P. M.)

CHARGE II. We charge the said Bro. with (embezzlement).

SPECIFICATION 1. (That on the 4th day of June, 1896, at the city of....., he collected from A..... B....., residing at No. 670 A street, in said city, the sum of fifty dollars at the request of and for C..... D....., his employer, and refused to turn over the same to the said C..... D....., although requested so to do by his said employer and although he, the said Bro. had no legal or equitable claim thereto or right to retain and withhold the same.)

Witnesses on the part of the prosecution, A. B., C. D., E. F., G. H. and I. J.

[Signed] } Committee.
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NOTE.—With report should be a copy of the complaint, and the written appointment of committee.

1872. The charges should state the offenses in general terms and the specifications give details, showing where, when and in what way the offenses were committed. It is not necessary to give the evidence, but a sufficient number of facts should be stated to fully inform the accused of the particular transactions concerning which he is to be tried. The charge may be a single one, with either one or more specifications.

¹ C., 655.

1873. Charges and specifications must be definite.—When charges of calumny, contempt, misrepresentation and conduct unbecoming are made, specifications should explain definitely in what language, acts, etc., the calumny, misrepresentation and misconduct consist. Charges and specifications must not be vague, but must be certain and definite. ¹

1874. Charges against a member by officers or members of other bodies.—There is no law or usage by which a Grand Patriarch in his official capacity can prefer charges to a Subordinate Lodge against one of its members, nor of any rule by which a member of one Lodge can prefer charges against a member of another Lodge, except as authorized by Section 1856, *supra*. The official position of the accused may be set forth in connection with the charges. A Grand Master is not under obligations to forward charges presented to him by a Grand Patriarch against a member of one of his Subordinates, or to become an accuser; but if the Lodge to which charges are transmitted, as provided in Section 1854, *supra*, refuses to entertain them, or to try the accused, it is then the duty of the Grand Master, on being notified of the facts, by the Grand Patriarch or the accuser, to require the Lodge to do its duty in that regard. ²

1875. Objections to form of charges (as informal, vague or indefinite) must be made before the plea of guilty or not guilty and cannot be made afterwards. An appearance cures any defect in the summons or service thereof. Formal waiver of objections to the charges on trial is a bar to appeal on that point. Vague charges should be dismissed. ³

1876. When charges are too vague or indefinite, or when what they allege does not constitute an offense, the Lodge should dismiss them at once. When charges are dismissed or set aside for any reason, the proceedings in the case are at an end, and the accused is in the same position as before charges were brought. The Lodge can take no further action until new charges are preferred. A second complaint may be preferred while the first is pending, but not for the same offense, and should be referred to same committee. If the committee desires to withdraw any of the charges or specifications before beginning to take evidence in the case, they may do so. When a Lodge dismisses charges, an appeal lies from such action. ⁴

1877. Information or charges may be amended when deemed insufficient.—When proceedings against a brother cease by setting aside of the charges against him for insufficiency, or by the Investigating Committee's declining to bring charges for the want of suffi-

¹ S. J., 7377, 7473.

² S. J., 10714, 10951, 11005.

³ C., 671.

⁴ C., 670.

cient evidence, the committee may revise the charges and prefer them in amended form; or the informant may file information supported by further facts. ¹

1878. Charges and proceedings must be set forth fully in records.—Charges should be spread upon the records of the Lodge; and full records of the entire proceedings, including the testimony, should be kept. ²

1879. Procedure after charges are preferred, citation, plea; commissioner to take testimony, report, and action thereon by N. G.—Whenever a charge or charges are preferred against a member, they shall be read in open Lodge, at a regular meeting. The Secretary shall immediately furnish a copy thereof, under seal of the Lodge, to the member so accused, and at the same time cite said member to appear before the Lodge at the second regular meeting thereafter and plead guilty or not guilty to each charge and specification; and if he pleads not guilty, then the Noble Grand shall appoint a competent member of the Lodge as a commissioner or committee of one to take the evidence, both for the Lodge and the accused, in deposition form, by writing down both the questions and answers in full, and that the said commissioner to take evidence shall be first obligated by the Noble Grand to perform such duty, and he shall be authorized to obligate witnesses who may be members of the Order, and cause such witnesses who may not be members of the Order to be obligated by a proper officer authorized to administer oaths. Said commissioner shall have power to pass upon the competency of evidence, and if objections are made to his ruling, he shall note said objection, together with the questions and answers, in the depositions. If the accused appears when cited and pleads not guilty, the case shall be continued for two weeks from the night the citation is returnable, to give each side an opportunity to have the Secretary cite their witnesses to appear before the commissioner. The commissioner shall have power to continue the taking of said evidence from day to day, and when the evidence is all taken, said commissioner shall report the same to the Noble Grand over his certificate.

The Noble Grand shall rule as to whether said evidence objected to before the commissioner shall be read to the Lodge, and for the purpose of passing upon the same, he shall, not later than three days before the fourth regular meeting of the Lodge, at a time and place selected by him, after notifying the committee of the Lodge having the prosecution in charge, and the accused or his attorney, in writing, of such time and place; hear both the prosecution and defense before passing upon the objected evidence. The Noble Grand after hearing both sides, shall mark upon the deposition, at the place where the objective evidence may appear, either the word overruled

¹ C., 672.

² C., 668.

or sustained (as the case may be), and the evidence read to the Lodge shall be only that which the Noble Grand has overruled the objections thereto.¹

1880. When accused is deemed to be in jeopardy.—The defendant, upon charges and specifications immediately after the obligations of the commissioner to take evidence, shall be considered to be in jeopardy, and charges and specifications cannot be changed nor can new charges be preferred for the same offense after that time.

1880 a. Commencement of trial.—The trial, strictly speaking, commences only when the commissioner is obligated. A case remanded for new trial is one and the same cause and the former trial cannot be pleaded in bar of the new trial awarded.

1881. Challenges to the commissioner by either party.—At the time of the appointment of the commissioner by the N. G. such appointment may be challenged by the prosecution or defense upon the ground of prejudice or personal interest of such commissioner, and if any can be shown to exist, it shall be the duty of the N. G. to revoke said appointment and appoint some other member of the Lodge who is neither prejudiced nor interested for or against any of the parties to such proceedings. When such challenge is made the cause shall be continued one week in order that a reasonable opportunity may be afforded, the member making the challenge to present one or more affidavits in support thereof, which shall be filed within four days as part of the record of the case. The N. G. alone shall determine the question of prejudice.²

1882.

FORM OF OBLIGATION FOR COMMISSIONER TO TAKE EVIDENCE.

I.....Commissioner duly appointed by the Noble Grand of
.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F., in the State of Illinois, to take
the evidence under charges and specifications against Brother.....
a member of.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F., in the State of
Illinois, do pledge my honor as an Odd Fellow, that I will discharge the duties
of such commissioner fully, fairly and impartially to the best of my knowledge
and ability.

Signed

Attest:

.....
Noble Grand of
.....Lodge, No.....
I. O. O. F., in the State of Illinois.

.....
Commissioner.

1883. When charges are brought against the holder of an unexpired withdrawal card, the Lodge should not reconsider or rescind the vote granting it, but should forthwith annul it or revoke it, which action brings the brother back into the Lodge for trial.³

¹ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 5.

³ S. J., 1841, 1898, 1952, 2145, 2177;

² Case No. 36 Collins v. Neilson, C., 657.
Lodge No. 25; Ill. J., Vol. IX, 897.

1884. The citation, its form; directions to the Secretary.

FORM OF CITATION OF THE ACCUSED, TOGETHER WITH THE CHARGES AS
PREFERRED THEREWITH.

Hall of.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F.,
At....., Illinois,, 18..

To Mr. A.....B.....

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

At the regular meeting of the Lodge held this evening, the following charges against you were presented, and you will please take notice that you are by law required to appear and answer to them at the second stated meeting hereafter, under penalty for contempt if you fail thereof.

Fraternally yours,

[Lodge Seal.]

Sec'y of.....Lodge, No.....

The Secretary must append to this letter a correct copy of the charges and specifications, as preferred. If the brother holds an unexpired withdrawal card, the Lodge shall annul it when the charges are brought in, and the following should be added to the above citation: "And you are further notified that the Lodge has annulled the withdrawal card heretofore granted you, which annulment brings you into membership again."

1885. The citation, with the copy of the charges, should be delivered to the accused in person by the Secretary himself, if possible.

1886. Service by copy or by mail.—If the Secretary is unable personally to serve a copy of the charges and citation on an accused member, by reason of his permanent absence, concealment or incarceration, a copy of the citation and charges left at his usual or last known place or abode, or deposited in the mail, so directed, shall be deemed a legal notice or citation; and the Lodge may proceed with the trial as if the accused were present. The Noble Grand shall appoint counsel to defend him if none appears for him.¹

FORM OF RETURN.—SERVICE BY MAIL.

Hall of.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F.,
at....., Illinois,, 189..

This is to certify that at....., in the County of..... on theday of....., A. D. 189.. I, the undersigned, the Secretary of said Lodge, served the citation of which the following is a true and correct copy, together with a certified copy of the charges and specifications therein mentioned (here set out the copy), by depositing the same in the Post-Office there, securely enclosed in an envelope, postage paid, addressed to the said A..... B..... at his usual and last known place of abode, for the reason that after diligent search and due inquiry made I was unable to find the said A..... B..... at his said place of abode or elsewhere.

[Signed] C.....D.....Sec'y of.....Lodge, No....²

1887. Continuance.—At any time during the proceedings, if by sickness or unavoidable occurrence the brother be prevented from appearing, this fact, on being shown, should give him a continuance of the case. That continuance ought to be to a day and place certain.

¹ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 6.

² For other forms see appendix, *infra*.

1888. The defendant has the right by himself or by his counsel to meet and cross-examine all witnesses. No testimony against him taken in his absence by the commissioner without notice to him should be received. His right to be heard by his witnesses and by himself or his counsel, before condemnation, inheres in him as fully in Odd Fellowship as before any other tribunal. ¹

1889. It is the duty of a Lodge to investigate charges that may be brought, and to use every endeavor to arrive at the true state of facts, and to place the same on the record in an intelligible manner, so that an entire stranger to the facts can understand the merits of the case as well as the Lodge which acted thereon. The record must be full, complete and accurate. ²

1890. Proceedings against an officer for official misconduct do not begin by the filing of information and the preferring of charges, as in case of conduct unbecoming; but the proper method of proceeding is to offer a resolution that the officer be cited to appear at a specified regular meeting and answer to a charge specifying official misconduct in certain action or neglect of action; and, after the adoption of such resolution, the methods and rules of other trials have force as far as applicable. When the N. G. of a Lodge in his official capacity, persistently violates law and usage, the proper course to be pursued is to proceed against him for "official misconduct" and let the V. G. preside during his trial. If found guilty, he may be removed from office by vote of the Lodge. ³

1891. Pleas in justification. — If an accused brother wishes to admit that he committed the act charged, but under excusable circumstances, or with justifiable intent, he should plead not guilty, and present his defense. ⁴

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¹ S. J., 4149, 4170.

² C., 631.

³ C., 724.

⁴ C., 707.

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1892. Trial, with the consideration of the evidence.—A member may be tried, that is, evidence on charges against him may be considered by the Lodge, and his guilt or innocence decided by ballot; ¹ (1) if copy of charges and summons to attend trial ² have been actually served on him, and he appears; ³ or (2) if on such actual summons he makes written defense (or is defended by his attorney), or waives defense and desires the trial to proceed in his absence; ⁴ or (3) if he has absconded or is permanently absent or in concealment, ⁵ and constructive service of charges and notice have been made. ⁶

But a member may not be tried (as defined above) if, on actual notice, he refuses to stand trial, and does not appear and remain in the Lodge, nor make proxy or written defense, or waiver, as above; ⁷ in that case he may be dealt with for contempt, ⁸ but not on the merits of the case charged. ⁹

¹ Sec. 1933a, *infra*.

² Sec. 1884, *supra*.

³ Sec. 1885, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 1900, *infra*.

⁵ Sec. 1896, *infra*.

⁶ Sec. 1886, *supra*.

⁷ Sec. 1900, *infra*.

⁸ Sec. 1894, *infra*.

⁹ C., 658.

1893. Merely technical or formal objections do not invalidate a citation to a trial, if it comes from one acting as Secretary, and has the seal impressed thereon. ¹

1894. Members evading service of citation may be expelled.—If any accused member shall evade the receiving of a citation or, after receiving the same, shall willfully neglect or refuse to attend the Lodge at the time therein fixed, and there remain throughout the investigation or trial of his case, the Lodge may proceed in his absence to expel him for contempt, ² but if he shall show within six months that his absence was unavoidable or that injustice had been done him, he shall be, upon such showing, entitled to a new trial. ³

1895. Member failing to appear, the record must show notice, with copy of charges served.—When a party is expelled for contempt in not appearing for trial, the record should, by some positive evidence, show that a copy of the charges was served on the accused, as well as a sufficient notice of the time and place of trial, and a summons to the accused to be present. ⁴

1896. Trial upon constructive service when personal service cannot be obtained.—When charges are preferred against a brother of the Order, but from having absconded, or from his permanent absence, concealment or incarceration he cannot be found, so that the charges preferred or notice of trial cannot be personally served upon him, the Lodge may regularly proceed with the trial upon proof of the fact showing that such personal service has been impracticable, and that a copy of the charges and notice of trial has been served on the accused as provided by Section 1886, ⁵ on date; *Provided*, that such papers shall be deemed to have been served upon the brother only from the date when the constructive service above prescribed is complete; *And provided further*, that in case such brother returns within six months after the conclusion of the trial, not having appeared on such trial, either in person or by counsel, and asks for a new trial, the same shall be granted to him. The Noble Grand shall appoint counsel to defend him if none appears for him. ⁶

1897. Absconding member must be cited.—A Lodge is not justified in trying an absconding member without issuing a citation for him to appear. ⁷

1898. How new trial may be granted.—A Lodge may grant a new trial only in the cases specified in the Constitution, Article VII,

¹ C., 659.

² Ill. Sub. C., Art. VII, Secs. 13, 14.

³ S. J., 1502, 1513.

⁴ S. J., 5495, 5540.

⁵ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 6.

⁶ S. J., 2531, 2507, 2522; Ill. Sub. C., Art. VII, Secs. 6, 14.

⁷ S. J., 3836, 3847.

Section 14.¹ The accused must show, by satisfactory evidence in writing, that he is entitled to a new trial; the Lodge shall then present the case to the Grand Master, upon whose order the trial can be had. From such order an appeal lies to the Grand Lodge, Section 1894. The Lodge Deputy cannot order or grant a new trial.²

1899. Expulsion for contempt in not appearing is a summary proceeding, requiring no delay, no previous charges of contempt or investigation, and no ground of action on the part of the Lodge but the absence of the accused.³

1900. A brother is not guilty of contempt who shall make a defense in writing, or shall waive his privilege of making a defense in person or counsel, and desire the trial to proceed in his absence; but in such cases the trial must be conducted in the same manner and decided as though the charged brother was present.⁴

1901. Not in contempt.—A defendant is not in contempt who refuses to appear or remain at a meeting held by the commissioner.⁵

1902. Not appearing at taking of testimony is not contempt.—The failure of the accused to appear at the time and place of taking testimony does not constitute a contempt; in such case the evidence is to be taken in his absence.⁶ Testimony may be taken also in the absence of the prosecution, if due notice of the time and place of hearing have been given.

1903. The Prosecuting Committee must secure for the prosecution all material evidence within their knowledge. A member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, or suspended for offense, may be summoned as a witness during his suspension.⁷

1904. Refusal of witness to appear or to answer questions is contempt.—If any member of the Order who shall have been duly notified to appear and give evidence, shall fail to appear as notified, or, appearing, shall refuse to answer questions as a witness, he shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and the Lodge may proceed to expel such member for contempt.⁸

1905. How depositions of absent witnesses may be taken.—Whenever a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or a member of either, when under a charge, shall desire to take the testimony of a witness, living at a distance from such Lodge or Encampment, whose personal presence cannot be had before the tribunal trying such charge or before the commissioner, his deposition may be taken in

¹ Secs. 1894 and 1896, *supra*.

² C., 664, 1403.

³ C., 665.

⁴ C., 666.

⁵ S. J., 8367, 8469.

⁶ C., 673.

⁷ C., 674.

⁸ Sub. C., Art. VII, additional Sec. 23.

the following manner: The party desiring to take the deposition shall file with the Secretary of the Lodge or Scribe of the Encampment the interrogatories he wishes to have propounded to the witness or witnesses, naming them. The Secretary or Scribe shall immediately deliver or cause to be delivered to the opposite party a copy of the interrogatories. The latter party, within one week from such service, may file counter-interrogatories with the Secretary or Scribe, if he or they think proper. At the expiration of the week, or sooner if the counter-interrogatories be sooner filed, the Secretary or Scribe shall forthwith forward them to the N. G. of a Lodge near the witness, with a communication requesting him to take the deposition of the witness or witnesses named. Upon receipt of the same the N. G. shall, as soon as possible, take or cause the deposition to be taken by some competent member of the Order, causing every interrogatory to be propounded to the witness, and the answer to each reduced to writing in the presence of the witness after first obligating the witness; and when the deposition is completed, shall cause the witness to sign the same, and then the N. G. or person taking the same shall certify the same to be duly taken, and such certificate shall be verified by the seal of the Lodge; and the deposition shall then be sealed in an envelope and transmitted by mail to the Lodge or Encampment before which the trial is pending. Depositions thus taken and certified may be read in evidence in the cause to which they relate; but such parts as the Noble Grand has sustained objections thereto shall not be read.¹ The same privileges are extended to a party or parties or prosecution preparing a charge or charges.²

1906.

CITATION TO A WITNESS WHO IS AN ODD FELLOW.

Hall of.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F.

At....., Illinois,, 18 .

To Brother C..... D.....:

You are hereby notified to appear before E..... F..... commissioner to take testimony, at.....on....., 18., at the hour ofo'clock, to give testimony in case of an accusation against Bro.....; and herein you will not fail, under such penalty as our laws provide.

Fraternally yours,

[SEAL.]

Sec'y of.....Lodge, No....

1907.

INVITATION TO A WITNESS WHO IS NOT AN ODD FELLOW.

Hall of.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F.

At....., Illinois, , 18..

To Mr. E.....F.....:

DEAR SIR:—A charge of misconduct has been preferred against Bro....., member of our Lodge, and it has been suggested that your testimony will be important in the consideration of it. The Lodge therefore respectfully requests that you will meet Bro....., commissioner to take testimony, at the

¹ S. J., 2738, 2774.² S. J., 2692, 2885, 2909.

....., on....., 18., at.....o'clock, to give your evidence; or, if you cannot do so, that you will agree with the commissioner and the accused upon some other time and place.

On behalf of the Lodge,

Yours respectfully,

[SEAL.]

Sec'y of.....Lodge, No.....

1907 a. Both the prosecution and the accused should always be notified by the commissioner of the time and place of taking all testimony. If a witness be a lady, the above invitation should be varied thus: Strike out all after "respectfully requests that you will," and insert "inform Bro....., commissioner to take testimony, at what time and place he and the accused brother may call upon you to receive your evidence. Please name an early time."

1907 b. Testimony should be taken by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, unless waived.

1908.

OBLIGATION OF WITNESS.

You solemnly promise, upon your honor as a man (and as an Odd Fellow), that the testimony which you shall give respecting the matter in question in this trial shall be the truth, the whole truth, so far as known to you, and nothing but the truth.

CERTIFICATE OF WITNESS.

I hereby certify, upon my honor, that the foregoing statements, constituting my testimony in the matter of an accusation against Bro....., beforeLodge, No....., I. O. O. F., are true.

Attest:Commissioner.

1909. There is no rule or reason to forbid the taking of outside testimony in the form of an affidavit, and having it sworn to before a notary or magistrate; *Provided* the accused and the prosecuting committee both agree thereto. In case of disagreement, however, the testimony should be taken upon interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, if any are desired. The privacy of the Order cannot be maintained when outsiders are witnesses.

1910. Testimony and documents used upon trial may be used upon a rehearing.—Evidence taken and documents on file in a case decided by a Lodge may be introduced and referred to on a new trial or rehearing. ¹

1911. All trials are held in the highest degree to which the accused has attained in the Lodge; the Lodge must be specially opened in that degree for the purpose, if he has not attained the Third Degree. ²

1912. Interpreter may be called where language is not understood.—In the trial of charges, where either party or his counsel does not understand the language in which proceedings are con-

¹ S. J., 4156, 4195.

² Ill. Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 7; Ritual.

ducted, such party or counsel cannot be denied the time necessary for the interpretation to him of the proceedings as had, by interpreters qualified to be present. A member entitled to address remarks or a communication to any body of the Order, if he be unable to speak or write the language in which such body conducts its work, cannot be denied the right to make such address in English.¹

1913. Attorneys who are not Odd Fellows cannot be admitted to Lodge rooms to defend brothers on charges, but in absence of other counsel, continuance, if asked, should be given.²

1914. Member entitled to trial.—Except in case of contempt, provided for in Section 1894, a Lodge can sever the connection of one of its members with itself only by sentence after fair trial upon charges.³

1915. Established rules of evidence should govern.—In settling difficulties and differences between Odd Fellows and in trial upon charges, the Lodge or commissioner should be guided and restricted by the rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law, excepting as modified by Section 1923, *infra*. All proper testimony of every character that will tend to promote the ends of fraternal justice should be taken into consideration and allowed due weight; and no evidence should be rejected unless it be incompetent, irrelevant or immaterial to the issue. Hearsay or secondary evidence should not be admitted. Outside testimony should not be taken when the same evidence may be obtained from members of the Order. In the trial of a brother, the Lodge is under no obligations to pay the expenses of defendant's witnesses, or the cost of taking testimony in his behalf. When the Lodge appoints a commissioner to take testimony in case of the trial of a brother, the Lodge must pay all necessary expenses incurred by said commissioner. If the witness be remote from the Lodge, his evidence must be taken under the law of Section 1905, *supra*.⁴

1916. Dying declarations.—In the civil courts, the declaration of a person who is supposed to be *in extremis*, that is, in the last hours or days of life, and who is aware of his condition and who does not expect to recover, is taken as evidence, if properly taken down and recorded at once. Such testimony is equally valid in a trial in a Lodge. But if the witness recovers so that his later testimony can be had, the later testimony, taken with notice to the accused, or before the commissioner of the Lodge, must be used; the testimony taken *in extremis* can be used only after the death of the witness; and it may be rebutted by later declarations.⁵

¹ S. J., 8189.

² S. J., 8367.

³ C., 637.

⁴ C., 677.

⁵ S. J., 7344, 7413.

1917. Record of civil courts prima facie proof.—The record of a trial in the courts upon a charge of the violation of the laws of the land is *prima facie* proof of the facts appearing therein, and where charges are preferred against a brother for a violation of the laws of the Order, the same he has been tried for in courts, the certified record of the Courts is competent proof in the trial in the Lodge, and is conclusive, unless other evidence be introduced besides that in the record; and on such trial, either party may introduce such evidence as is not embraced in such record. ¹

1918. If a member of a Lodge is found guilty of crime and sentenced to imprisonment by a court, he can be punished in the Lodge only after a regular trial. If he pleaded guilty in court, a certified copy of the record of that introduced in evidence will be sufficient to convict. ²

1919. It is not necessary to separate on a trial, the evidence offered in support of the several charges. ³

1920. Evidence as to reputation must be the general reputation in the community where the party resides, or among his acquaintances or associates. ⁴

1921. Testimony given by the witnesses who are not members of the Order becomes the property of the Lodge, and must be submitted to the Lodge unless by consent of both parties to the trial it is withdrawn; either party has the right to demand its introduction. When introduced it is subject to the ruling of the N. G. as to its admissibility. ⁵

1922. The defendant is a competent witness in all cases; but the Lodge may properly remember that he is a party in interest, and give his testimony such weight as they think it entitled to. Defendant cannot be made to testify against himself. ⁶

1923. Evidence may be introduced at any time before commissioner submits same to N. G.—If for any reason the prosecution has failed to introduce material evidence before the evidence for the defense has commenced, it is still competent to allow new evidence to be introduced by the prosecution at any time before the report of the commissioner shall have been presented to the N. G., such new evidence need not be confined to that which is merely rebuttal. On the contrary, justice requires that each party be allowed to introduce all competent evidence without regard to the time when such evidence is offered, provided the same be introduced before the commissioner makes such report and after due notice to opposite party. ⁷

¹ S. J., 6351, 6619, 6692.

² C., 679

³ C., 680.

⁴ C., 681.

⁵ C., 683.

⁶ C., 684.

⁷ S. J., 4915, 4925.

1924. Proof of intoxication.—It is not necessary in a trial for intoxication to prove the act of taking liquor; it is enough to prove that the accused was in a state of intoxication. ¹

1924 a. Two or more acts of intoxication merged into one charge.—If a brother is guilty of two or more acts of intoxication before his offense is reported to the Lodge, these acts must be summed into one charge, and dealt with in one trial, with one penalty (Section 328). If in such case two separate informations alleging different instances of intoxication should come into the hands of the N. G. (or Vice Grand, under Section 1857), they should be referred to the same committee, and be united in one charge, as above said. ²

1925. Suspended member may enter Lodge to defend.—A suspended member on his appearance for trial must be temporarily admitted to his Lodge for the purpose of making his defense, without being restored to his rights of membership. ³

1926. A brother cannot be tried twice for same offense, even if, subsequent to his acquittal by the Lodge, he shall be found guilty by the courts. ⁴

1927. Records must show strict compliance with the law.—In a trial the records of a Lodge must show that all the proceedings have been conducted in due form; and no presumption of fair dealing on the part of the Lodge can be made when the records do not show it. ⁵

1928. Written defense may be made part of the record by request of accused.—The written defense or argument of the accused brother is not one of the papers regularly belonging to a case of discipline, but if he requests that it be made such, the Secretary should so file and keep it; and it cannot then be withdrawn without consent of the Lodge. A Lodge has control of its own papers; but reasonable access to papers should always be allowed to each party. A brother on trial is entitled to abstracts of record and copies of all papers and proceedings in any matter of fact pertaining to his case. ⁶

1929. Abstracts of record to be made, when.—It is the duty of the Secretary when he is so instructed by the N. G., or the Lodge, to make abstracts of records, to examine the same, either himself or in connection with committees of prosecution or defense, where charges are pending, or in any case or matter wherein the interest of the Lodge or its members is concerned. In no case should he permit books or papers to go out of his possession, except as instructed and obligated at the time of his installation. ⁷

¹ C., 754.

² C., 755.

³ S. J., 1655.

⁴ C., 717; S. J., 11103.

⁵ C., 719.

⁶ C., 722.

⁷ C., 723.

1930. When wife is a competent witness.—A wife may be allowed to testify against her husband in a case where he is arraigned upon the charge of inflicting bodily injury upon her, or is charged with the abandonment of herself or their children.¹ If she be divorced, she is no longer a wife to and ceases to have any interest whatever in the accused; and in such case she may be introduced; also as to all matters which may have occurred after the divorce.²

1931. An ex-parte statement is not competent evidence except when made by party against his own interest.—An ex-parte statement may be regarded as evidence sufficient to place a brother on his trial, but such testimony, unless made by the party against his own interest, is not permitted upon the trial.³ Ex-parte statements are those of one side only. Ex-parte evidence is that taken by one party in the absence of the other, or without notice to the other, so that the other side has no opportunity to put cross-questions. But if the opposite party has failed to attend the taking of testimony or to file counter-interrogatories after having received the required notice⁴ the evidence taken by one side alone may be legally introduced.

1932. No postponement, when.—A case may not be postponed to procure the testimony of an absent witness if the opposing party is willing to admit that such witness if present would testify to all that it is claimed he would so testify.⁵

THE TRIAL, HEARING IN OPEN LODGE, PROCEDURE.

SECTION 1933.—Trial; the Lodge, the time, the reading of evidence, the defense, the argument, vote, etc.

- “ 1933a.—The vote, the finding.
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- “ 1935.—Debate by members not permitted.
- “ 1936.—Member not entitled to vote on penalty, when.
- “ 1937.—Counsel may vote, when.
- “ 1938.—Voting, who entitled to.
- “ 1939.—Voting by ball ballot.
- “ 1940.—White ball convicts.
- “ 1941.—Motion to reconsider, when.
- “ 1942.—Member voting by mistake.

1933. The Lodge, at said fourth regular meeting, or at such other time as may then be fixed, shall open in the highest degree which the accused has attained, if he be not of the Third Degree, and shall listen to the reading of the evidence taken by the commissioner, both for the Lodge and the accused. The accused shall be heard in his own behalf in person or by counsel, and the com-

¹ S. J., 8405, 8478.

² S. J., 1502, 1513.

³ S. J., 5852, 5936.

⁴ Sec. 1902, *supra*.

⁵ S. J., 3573, 3589.

mittee appointed to prosecute on behalf of the Lodge shall have the right to also address the Lodge.¹

1933 a. The Lodge shall then proceed to vote upon the charge or charges preferred; but no member shall be entitled to vote unless he were present during the whole of the reading of the testimony and of the arguments thereon. If the charges be sustained, in whole or in part, by a vote of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote on the question, the accused shall retire to the ante-room. The Secretary shall then read to the Lodge the charge or charges, or part or parts thereof, that have been sustained, when the Noble Grand, without motion, shall proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment—expulsion; and if that be not agreed to, he shall put the next—suspension; and shall so proceed until some order of punishment is agreed to by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members present. One penalty only shall be inflicted as the result of one trial.

1933 b. Whenever the Lodge shall determine upon suspension, a motion may be made to fix the time, and two amendments may be offered thereto, which shall be decided without debate. The Noble Grand shall put them to vote, commencing with the longest period of time therein named; and if all of them be rejected, a second motion may be made, and two amendments permitted thereto, which shall be put to vote in a like manner; and the Lodge shall so proceed until some period of suspension is agreed to. But suspension of membership shall work no suspension of dues and arrearages, but they shall run on during the time of suspension. If the Lodge shall decide to punish by fine, the same course shall be adopted in determining the amount thereof as is above provided in fixing the time of suspension; and in either case, of fixing the time of suspension or amount of fine, the majority of the members present shall decide the period of time or amount. But no suspension shall be shorter than eight days, nor longer than one year.²

1934. In trials, the vote on “guilty” or “not guilty” should be taken as follows: The first charge should be read; then the specifications under said charge should be read and balloted on in their order; then a ballot should be taken on the charge itself. In the same manner the second charge and specification should be proceeded with. If all the specifications under a charge are sustained, but the charge itself is voted down, the defendant is by said vote acquitted of that charge. If all specifications under a charge are voted down, then the charge itself fails without vote. A Lodge must ballot on each specification separately, and then on the charge.

¹ The Prosecuting Committee should first address the Lodge in person or by counsel, afterwards the defense, and finally the case is to be closed by the

prosecution, which shall be confined to matters already advanced.

² Sub. C., Art VII, Secs. 7, 8.

At times specifications are very vague; and although they may sometimes be sustained by the evidence in the case, yet such specification may not be sufficient to sustain the charge. Therefore, the Lodge must ballot first on the specifications in their order, and if any or all of such specifications be sustained, then the ballot must be taken on the charges. The records of the Lodge must show the number of balls cast for and against the accused upon each charge and each specification. It should also show the number of voting members present and entitled to vote. ¹

1935. Debate not permitted.—Debate or discussion of the guilt or innocence of the accused is not allowed to the members of the Lodge. ²

1936. A member who is not entitled (Section 328) to vote on the question "guilty" or "not guilty" is not entitled to vote on the penalty if the accused is found guilty. ³

1937. Counsel, if otherwise qualified, may vote.—The counsel or attorneys on either side, if they are duly qualified members of the Lodge that holds the trial, may vote on the result. ⁴

1938. Voting, who entitled to vote.—A member on trial is not entitled to vote on his own case. A member present who is excused from voting in effect votes in the negative. The penalty of expulsion cannot be inflicted except by vote of a majority of two-thirds of the members present. ⁵ Every qualified brother present in a Lodge is obliged to vote on all questions unless excused by the Lodge. ⁶ A member in arrears for dues may not vote. A member may withdraw from the Lodge room before the vote is taken. ⁷ A member who does not hear all the evidence and arguments may not vote. ⁸

1939. Voting must be by ballot with balls.—All votes taken under the provisions of this article ⁹ shall be by ballot with balls. ¹⁰ The votes specified are the votes on specifications, on charges and on penalty. Other votes taken during trial, as on appeals from the decisions of the N. G., etc., are taken according to the law given in the Ritual.

1940. White ball convicts.—The N. G. should carefully explain, before the balloting, that a white ball is to be cast for conviction, or for the penalty under consideration, indicating the affirmative of the question; and that a black ball is against sustaining the charges, or against the penalty, indicating the negative. A Lodge

¹ C., 693.

² C., 694.

³ C., 695.

⁴ S. J., 13256, 13548, 13671.

⁵ S. J., 3091, 3114.

⁶ S. J., 4992, 5194, 5245.

⁷ S. J., 7854, 7883.

⁸ Ill. Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 7.

⁹ Ill. S. C., Art. VII.

¹⁰ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 23.

cannot reconsider a vote to sustain charges, unless error or fraud in the ballot be shown which might have affected the result; and not even then, unless the motion be made at the same or the next regular meeting. ¹

1941. The motion to reconsider does not apply to a case of expulsion by a secret ballot, but to the ordinary parliamentary questions arising in deliberative bodies (Section 1736, *supra*.) A member once expelled is out of the Order, and no motion made to reconsider that vote can be entertained. He must comply with the laws of his jurisdiction, which provide the mode and manner in which expelled members may be reinstated or appeal from the verdict. ²

1942. When member votes by mistake.—Before a ballot is decided or the ballot-box examined, if a member announces that he has voted by mistake and contrary to what he intended. the presiding officer should have the ballot taken over again. ³

PENALTIES, HOW INFLICTED, DISABILITIES, FINES, AND THEIR REMISSION

SECTION 1943.—Lodge must expel when punishment is expulsion.

- “ 1944.—Member must be arraigned and convicted for same offense.
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- “ 1951.—Charges and trials, Sub. By-Laws cannot provide for.
- “ 1952.—G. L. cannot appoint committee of G. L. to try member of Sub.L.
- “ 1953.—Conviction must be had before punishment can be inflicted.
- “ 1954.—Lodge cannot try member of another Lodge, nor censure him.
- “ 1955.—Encampment can expel from its own body only.
- “ 1956.—Notice of suspension or expulsion.
- “ 1957.—Blank book, names of expelled entered in.
- “ 1958.—Change of venue, proceedings, appeal.
- “ 1959.—Change of venue, Lodge may ask.
- “ 1960.—Change of venue, on new trial.
- “ 1961.—Commissioner to take evidence, appointed by Lodge in which charges are made.
- “ 1962.—Change of venue, form of application for.
- “ 1963.—New trial asked by Lodge, when illegality is discovered
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- “ 1965.—Penalty, operation of, commences when.
- “ 1966.—Penalty, expulsion is extreme.
- “ 1967.—Suspension must be definite.
- “ 1968.—Fine not proper penalty for violation of principles.
- “ 1969.—Penalties, which are illegal.
- “ 1970.—Order to leave room, when.

¹ C., 700; Ill. J., VII, 510.

³ S. J., 5853, 5936.

² S. J., 9000, 9096.

SECTION 1971.—Fines may be imposed by N. G., when.

“ 1972.—Fines not imposed, when.

“ 1972a.—Lodge may remit fine at discretion, when.

“ 1973.—Fines, when not remitted.

“ 1974.—Absence of officers, when finable.

“ 1975.—Lodge may remit fine or displace officer, when.

“ 1976.—Officers liable for non-attendance.

“ 1977.—Fines inflicted under By-Laws.

“ 1978.—Official misconduct, how punished.

“ 1979.—Suspension of officer vacates office.

“ 1980.—Officer of G. L. suspended in Sub. Lodge loses office.

“ 1981.—Publication of name of a brother dropped for non-payment of dues prohibited.

“ 1982.—Names of expelled published, when and how.

1943. Lodge must expel when accused is found guilty and punishment is expulsion.—When a member has been adjudged guilty, and the punishment is expulsion, under the law of the S. G. L. the Lodge must expel him. The manner in which the expulsion is to be declared is left to the Lodge. It may be in open session, at a regular meeting by the Noble Grand for the Lodge, or it may be by a vote. It must be by the Lodge. If the Lodge fails to discharge its duty, it should be put on trial and punished for the offense.¹

1944. A member cannot be arraigned for one offense and be found guilty of another; he is either guilty or innocent of the charges preferred.²

1945. Remandment with instructions.—When the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master or the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals sends back a case with instructions to a Lodge that it must find the accused guilty and inflict the proper punishment, the Lodge must ballot on each specification and charge regularly as in case of the original proceeding; next it ballots upon the penalty unless that be already fixed by law. But these votes need not be taken on the evening when the remanding order is read in Lodge. It may be postponed to some other reasonable time.³

1946. Penalties.—The only legal penalties for misconduct are fine, reprimand, suspension and expulsion. Fine is not allowed as penalty for violation of the principles of the Order.⁴

1946 a. Intoxication.—The penalty for intoxication is reprimand for the first offense, suspension for the second, and expulsion for the third; and no other penalties are legal.⁵ But, if a brother has been expelled for intoxication and has been reinstated and shall again be found guilty of intoxication, the penalty shall be suspension for not less than three months, and for the next offense he shall be again expelled.⁶ For penalty of intoxicated representative attending Grand Lodge, see Section 1833, *supra*.

¹ S. J., 10254, 10487, 10511.

² S. J., 3818, 3841.

³ C., 727.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 10.

⁵ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 11.

⁶ C., 753.

1946 b. Definite penalty.—When a definite penalty is fixed by law for any offense, a brother convicted or pleading guilty ¹ thereof is sentenced without further vote; if alternatives are fixed, the Lodge chooses one of them by vote. ²

1946 c. Alternative penalties.—Where the By-Laws of the Lodge provide that the penalty for a specific offense shall be either suspension or expulsion, and the Constitution provides that the Lodge shall fix the penalty by vote, unless it be a single penalty, and that it shall require a two-thirds vote for expulsion, the Lodge must vote; and if two-thirds be not cast against the brother, the penalty to be inflicted must be suspension, no vote for that purpose being required. ³

1947. One penalty only may be imposed.—After a Lodge has imposed and inflicted a penalty for an offense, it cannot reconsider and inflict another or different penalty. It has no further jurisdiction of the matter. ⁴

1948. Members of the Lodge in good standing entitled to be present at trial.—A Lodge, on the trial of a brother under charges, may not refuse admission to or exclude from the room during such trial any member of the Lodge. ⁵

1949. When charges may not be amended.—When charges against a brother have been referred to the Lodge for trial, the Lodge cannot allow the accuser to amend the charges by introducing new specifications not contained in the original charges. ⁶

1950. Discipline should never be referred to a Committee of Past Grands, or to any part of the Lodge; it is the exclusive right and duty of the whole Lodge. ⁷

1951. Constitution, not By-Laws of S. G. L. or G. L., provides for charges and trials.—A Lodge by its By-Laws has no occasion to make any provisions respecting charges and trials, and such provisions are of no force, the whole matter depending upon the Constitution and general law. ⁸

1952. A Grand Lodge of a State has no power to appoint a committee of the Grand Lodge to try a brother of a Subordinate Lodge. It may, however, order a Subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to the order the Subordinate Lodge must yield obedience. ⁹

1953. Brother must be regularly convicted before he can be punished.—A brother cannot be punished by reprimand, fine, suspension or expulsion, except upon conviction by his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment upon charges duly preferred. ¹⁰

¹ C., 708.

² Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 12.

³ S. J., 14250, 14487, 14570.

⁴ S. J., 11103, 11368, 11396.

⁵ S. J., 6007, 6235, 6314.

⁶ S. J., 13257, 13548, 13671.

⁷ C., 633.

⁸ C., 632.

⁹ S. J., 4993, 5194, 5245.

¹⁰ S. J., 5486, 5528.

1954. One Lodge cannot try a member of another Lodge except upon change of venue, nor exclude him from fellowship, nor pass a vote of censure upon him. No brother can be punished by any other than his own Lodge or the Grand Lodge; much less may it declare a sentence of expulsion without trial. The only proper course for a Lodge or member to pursue in cases where members of other Lodges are regarded unworthy is to prefer charges against them in pursuance of the well established principles of the Order. ¹

1955. An Encampment cannot expel from the Order, only from its own body; hence trials should, if possible, be had in Lodges, as loss of membership in a Lodge severs connection with an Encampment. ²

1956. Notice of suspension or expulsion.—Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary and to all the Lodges in the same place; and a brother who has been legally expelled shall not be admitted to membership again without consent of the Grand Lodge. ³

1957. Book containing names of expelled members.—This Lodge shall have a blank book in which shall be entered the names of all persons expelled by this Lodge or any other Lodge of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of each expulsion. ⁴

1958. Change of venue. Proceedings and appeal.—If, at any time before passing upon the objected evidence by the Noble Grand, the accused, or three members of the Lodge in which charges may be preferred against a member are of opinion that the accused will not receive an impartial trial at the hands of the Lodge, and present such an opinion in writing, such paper, together with such evidence as may be desired bearing upon the question of prejudice in the Lodge, shall be forwarded to the Grand Master, and if he orders the case changed to another Lodge, then, when the register of written evidence is reported by the commissioner, the case shall be removed to the named Lodge. A copy of the record of all proceedings up to the time of removal shall be sent to the Lodge to which removal is made, with the original papers of the case and a transcript of all letters relating thereto; the Noble Grand and such Lodge shall proceed to the hearing, scrutiny and decision as if the accusation had been first therein preferred. The Lodge from which the venue is changed shall pay all necessary expenses incurred in such trial by the Lodge to which the venue is changed.

Upon such removal, the Prosecuting Committee, or some advocate appointed by the N. G. of the removing Lodge, may present

¹ S. J., 2759, 2783.

² S. J., 4467, 4598, 4614.

³ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 16.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 18.

the case, and the accused may appear by himself or attorney, as if no such removal had taken place.

When the matter has been determined, a copy of the record of the proceedings had thereon, with the register of the evidence, shall be returned to the removing Lodge; and the same shall be filed in its archives, and the judgment entered upon its records. An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be had in case of a removed trial, as in other cases. ¹

The Lodge to which a trial is removed is permitted to appoint a prosecuting committee from its own members only in case of the absence or inability to act of the original Prosecuting Committee, whose duty it is to attend to the case wherever it is tried. ²

1959. Lodge may ask change of venue.—Change of venue may be asked on behalf of the prosecution as well as on behalf of the accused or by any three members. It may be asked in case of charges of official misconduct. The accused may be one of the three that ask the change of venue. ³

1960. Upon new trial change of venue may be asked.—When an appealed case has been sent back by the Grand Lodge, Grand Master or Committee on Judiciary and Appeals for a new trial, a change of venue may be asked for the second trial, unless there are special instructions inconsistent therewith. ⁴

1961. It is not the duty of the Lodge to which change of venue is taken to appoint a commissioner to take evidence. The Lodge in which charges were made must do that. ⁵

1962.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE.

....., Illinois,, 18..

To..... Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:—The undersigned (accused, Prosecuting Committee, or three members), of the Lodge, are of opinion that Brother will not receive an impartial trial in this Lodge, and they ask of the Grand Master that he shall grant a removal of the trial to another Lodge, according to law. ⁶

[Signed,] }
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1963. Whenever a Lodge discovers an illegality in proceedings which have resulted in the suspension or expulsion of a member, the Lodge should apply to the Grand Master for an order for a new trial. ⁷

¹ Sub. C., Art. VII, Secs. 19, 20, 22.

² C., 712.

³ Ill. J., Vol. IX, 127, 403.

⁴ C., 714.

⁵ C., 715.

⁶ See Secs. 1958, 1961.

⁷ C., 721.

1964. Trial of Subordinate Lodges.—Procedure, charges, methods of procedure against and trials of Subordinate Lodges. ¹

1965. Penalty, except reprimand, operates as soon as declared by the Lodge.—If the penalty adjudged upon a trial is expulsion, suspension or fine, the penalty begins to operate as soon as it has been fixed by the Lodge, unless it be suspended by the deputy under the power given in Section 940, when an appeal is about to be taken. Then if the appeal is decided against the accused, the penalty will be held to be in operation from the date of such decision. If the appeal be taken, but the deputy does not interfere to suspend the sentence, the accused will submit to the expulsion, suspension or fine until the Grand Master or Grand Lodge or the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals decides in his favor. If the penalty adjudged be reprimand, and appeal be taken (or notice of appeal given), it must not be inflicted until the case is decided. S. J., 7376, 7473.

1966. Expulsion severs a member's connection with the Lodge and with the Order.—It is the extreme penalty of our laws, and should not be inflicted upon any member unless convicted of some serious offense so deemed in our laws. A decision that for a certain offense a member may be expelled does not mean that he must be expelled. In such case facts extenuating or criminating should be considered in determining upon the penalty, which may be the extreme penalty or less. ²

1967. Suspensions for cause cannot be indefinite nor for any unreasonable length of time. ³—No suspension may be shorter than eight days, nor longer than one year. ⁴ The suspension of a member is intended only as a temporary punishment to be regulated by the magnitude of his offense; it does not sever his connection with the Order entirely, and the moment the term fixed for the duration of his punishment expires the member returns to the full enjoyment of his position in his Lodge without form. Such member is responsible for dues and unworthy conduct during such disability. ⁵ A brother, when suspended from membership in his Lodge is, however, thereby cut off from all benefits and privileges, and in case of his death during such suspension the Lodge incurs no new liability on account of his decease. ⁶ A brother, although under suspension, cannot be deprived of the right of petition and the privilege of making acknowledgment and submission for errors committed. If his communications are disrespectful, he is amenable to the laws of his Lodge and his punishment may be extended upon new charges and trial to expulsion if the cause is sufficient. ⁷

¹ See Secs. 470, 471, 992, 993, *supra*.

⁵ S. J., 1513.

² C., 731; S. J., 2330, 2347, 4859, 4894.

⁶ S. J., 2561, 2929.

³ S. J., 4467, 4598, 4614.

⁷ S. J., 2287, 2340.

⁴ Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 8.

1968. A fine is not the proper or legal penalty for a violation of the principles of the Order. — When a Lodge has imposed a fine in such a case, it must rescind all action back to the vote sustaining the charge, and then reprimand, suspend or expel. But only those who had the right to vote originally on the penalty can vote such correction of the proceeding.¹

1969. Penalties which are illegal.—By-Laws excluding any member from voting at an election, as penalty for canvassing for votes for one's self or for another, or declaring a member in a state of suspension during trial; or requiring an officer to vacate his office for the time being because of the pendency of charges against him; or directing that, for any offense, a brother shall forthwith be ordered to leave the room, and not return until he has apologized; or excluding visitors for any offense, are illegal and void, these penalties being equivalent to suspension within the meaning of the constitution;² neither as a penalty for misconduct is it legal to suspend from office, deprive of benefits or declare him ineligible for degrees or office.³

1970. A brother may not be ordered to leave the room for misconduct nor be put out, unless he be intoxicated or otherwise disorderly, so that he renders it difficult to proceed with business.⁴

1971. Fines may be imposed by the N. G. upon officers or members for absence or failure to do duty, but opportunity first must be given to the officer or member to offer excuse in bar or mitigation of the alleged offense upon which excuse the Lodge must pass and decide it sufficient or insufficient. If the Lodge decides the excuse sufficient, no fine shall be imposed, otherwise the fine shall be imposed and shall be subject to appeal. The word of a brother must be taken as true in offering an excuse, but he may be tried and punished for a false statement.⁵

1972. Absence from home or sickness excuses non-attendance.—Fine may not be assessed against an officer whose non-attendance is shown to be caused by absence from home or by sickness, nor against one for being in arrears for dues;⁶ or an officer or committee for neglect of duty, unless authorized by by-law, or for refusal to accept office or a place on a committee; or for the absence of any but an officer from a Lodge meeting.⁸ A majority vote grants excuse, unless the By-Laws provide otherwise.⁹

1972 a. Remission of penalty, when discretionary.—Where the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that "Any member, when notified

¹ C., 734.

² C., 736.

³ C., 729.

⁴ C., 737.

⁵ C., 739. Case No. 38, Kerr v.

Evergreen City Lodge No. 265; Ill. J., Vol. IX, 881.

⁶ C., 738.

⁷ C., 743.

⁸ C., 746.

⁹ C., 740.

to attend a sick brother, failing to attend in person or by substitute, shall be fined three dollars, unless excused by two-thirds vote of the members present," the whole question of the remission of the penalty is in the discretion of the Lodge. It may excuse for sickness of the brother or his family, business engagements or for any other reason it may deem sufficient. ¹

1973. When fines may not be remitted.—When fines are properly and legally assessed against members (as penalty after trial, for instance), the Lodge has no right to remit them. And when an officer is, under the by-laws, fined for absence, the Lodge may not remit the fine. ²

1974. It is the duty of officers to be present at the hour of meeting; absence at that time without excuse is neglect of duty, and renders them liable to fine if there is a by-law to that effect; coming in after roll-call does not free them from this liability. ³

1975. When Lodge may remit fine or displace officer.—A Lodge may in its discretion excuse any officer or member for absence (as from Lodge meeting or a funeral), when such absence is shown to arise from his holding an official position in his church or Sunday school, and his attendance there. But the Lodge may displace him from office if his absences bring him under the rule of Section 318, not as penalty on him, but for the benefit of the Lodge, which is entitled to officers that will attend. ⁴

1976. When officers liable for non-attendance.—When a brother residing out of town or at a distance from the Lodge room, accepts of office, he may not claim exemption from fine for absence, when at home, upon the plea of "absence from town." An officer of any Lodge is liable to a fine or other punishment for absence or neglect of duty, even after the expiration of the term for which he was elected or appointed, until his successor has been elected or appointed and installed, *provided*, the by-laws inflict a penalty for absence or neglect of duty. ⁵

1977. Fines may be inflicted under by-laws, but not otherwise (Sec. 743) on a Secretary who fails, when necessarily absent, to send or deliver his keys to the N. G. or V. G.; and on an installed appointed officer, if absent. ⁶

1978. Official misconduct may be punished by removal from office or by fine; but not by any other penalties. But official misconduct associated with other misconduct may be otherwise punished (Section 1827.) ⁷

¹ S. J., 11106, 11368, 11396.

² C., 741.

³ C., 742.

⁴ C., 744.

⁵ C., 745.

⁶ C., 747.

⁷ C., 748.

1979. Suspension of officer vacates office.—The suspension of an officer for cause and as a punishment whether for a long or a short period, vacates his office. ¹

1980. Office vacated.—An officer of a State Grand Lodge who is suspended in his Subordinate Lodge after trial and conviction, on charges of conduct unbecoming, loses his office. His office is vacated and should be filled in the mode provided in the Constitution of said Grand Lodge and he is not restored to office at the end of his suspension unless the Constitution so declares. ²

1981. The publication of the name of a brother dropped for non-payment of dues is prohibited. ³ The principle of this decision is applicable to persons dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues and of persons suspended for cause who are to return to full membership by expiration of sentence and even of persons expelled except in cases regarded in Section 1982. ⁴

1982. Secrecy not required.—When a member is suspended or expelled for immoral conduct or other cause, it is not obligatory upon members of the Order to keep the fact a secret from the world. Such matters should not be unnecessarily published; but where the community or the reputation of the Order might suffer from secrecy, justice requires that they should be made public. But organized bodies only should have the authority to make such divulgence and not individual members, without authority. ⁵

REINSTATEMENT.

SECTION 1983.—Reinstatement of expelled member on consent of G. L.

“ 1984.—Reinstatement, how applied for by expelled member.

“ 1985.—Reinstatement, method of.

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“ 1987.—Member expelled applying for membership must have certificate or card.

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“ 1990.—Reinstatement, voting on.

“ 1991.—Reinstatement, petitions for, to show what.

“ 1992.—Reinstatement, petitions for, acted on during recess,

“ 1993.—Reinstated member need not sign Constitution and By-Laws.

“ 1994.—Reinstatement, what given by.

“ 1995.—Notice of reinstatement to be promptly given.

“ 1996.—Petition for permission to reinstate, form of.

1983. No Subordinate Lodge can reinstate an expelled member of its own motion.—The consent of the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge is subordinate, or of the Grand Master, by its authority, is absolutely necessary to authorize the restoration. ⁶ A State Grand Lodge may confer the power on the Grand Master during the recess

¹ S. J., 7772, 7840.

² S. J., 7909, 8072, 8173.

³ S. J., 2214, 2264, 2327.

⁴ C., 750.

⁵ C., 751.

⁶ S. J., 5280, 5475, 5841, 5919, 5950.

to grant a petition from a Subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge. ¹

1984. A member expelled must first apply to his former Lodge, and if that Lodge wishes to pass upon his case, it must, by petition, obtain the consent of its Grand Body; that consent being obtained, the whole matter goes to the Subordinate Lodge under its By-Laws and the general laws of the Order. The manner in which expelled members shall be received back into the Order is a matter of local legislation. ²

1985. Method of reinstating expelled member.—A member expelled by this Lodge may apply in writing for reinstatement. The application shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall ascertain whether the applicant has made such reformation, reparation or apology as is appropriate, and shall report to the Lodge. After reception of the report, the Lodge shall ballot on the application. If two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of reinstatement the Secretary shall write to the Grand Lodge for permission to reinstate him; and if it be granted, he shall be thereby reinstated. No expelled member shall be reinstated without the payment of the same fee that is required from an initiate of the same age. But members expelled for non-payment before such action was forbidden shall be reinstated as dropped members. ³

1986. How member expelled in one may be admitted in another jurisdiction.—A member of the Order expelled in one jurisdiction shall not be admitted to membership in another jurisdiction without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled. ⁴ Any reinstatement without such consent is void. ⁵

1987. Expelled member from another jurisdiction must have certificate or card to obtain membership in Illinois.—A member expelled in another jurisdiction can be admitted to membership in Illinois only upon withdrawal card from the Lodge that expelled him, or some equivalent paper, as a dismissal certificate, or the written consent of the expelling Lodge. ⁶

1988. Grand Lodge only may shorten term of suspension.—When a brother is suspended for a specified time, he cannot be restored to membership until the specified time of suspension shall have fully expired unless by action of the Grand Lodge or Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. ⁷

1989. When Lodge may remit dues of suspended member.—Where a Subordinate Lodge has suspended a member for cause

¹ S. J., 4467, 4598, 4614.

² S. J., 6275, 6313.

³ Sub. C., Art. VIII, Sec. 5.

⁴ S. C., Art. XVI, Sec. 4.

⁵ S. J., 1775, 1806.

⁶ C., 815.

⁷ S. J., 2171, 2180; Sec. 2003, *infra*.

other than non-payment of dues, the Lodge may commute or remit such portion of his accumulated dues (if unpaid) as it may determine, upon the reinstatement of such brother. ¹

1990. Reinstatement (except after dropping) requires the same vote as expulsion, viz., two-thirds of the qualified members present, except in cases where a different majority is specifically required by law. No conditions or terms can be offered by the applicant for reinstatement, or prescribed by the Lodge, but those prescribed by law. A person cannot be reinstated into any other than his own Lodge or by its consent. ²

1991. Petitions to the Grand Lodge for the reinstatement of expelled members must be accompanied by a statement of the cause of the expulsion, and of the principal facts of the case; they must also show that the expelled member has made such reformation or reparation or apology as is appropriate. ³

1992. Grand Master acts during recess on petitions for reinstatement.—All petitions for reinstatement which are in accordance with law (as given in Sec. 1985) may go to the Grand Master and be acted upon by him in recess of the Grand Lodge. ⁴

1993. Brother reinstated need not sign Constitution and By-Laws again.—When a brother has been expelled, suspended for any cause, or dropped, his name should not be erased from the list of signatures to the Constitution and By-Laws; consequently it is not necessary that he should sign again. ⁵

1994. Rights of member after reinstatement.—A member who is reinstated after expulsion is by reinstatement placed in the same position as if he had never been expelled, and from the date of his reinstatement becomes entitled again to all privileges and honors of the Order but is not beneficiary for six months. ⁶

1995. Notice of Reinstatement.—When a suspended or expelled member shall have been reinstated, either by expiration of sentence, or by the action of the Grand Lodge, notice thereof shall be sent, without delay, to the Grand Secretary and to all the Lodges in the same place. ⁷

1996.

FORM OF PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO REINSTATE.

Hall of....., Lodge, No. I. O. O. F.,
....., Illinois,, 189..

To the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS:

On the day of, 18.., was expelled by

¹ S. J., 5513, 5546.

² C., 818.

³ C., 819.

⁴ C., 820.

⁵ C., 821.

⁶ C., 822.

⁷ Ill. J., VIII, 88, 107.

this Lodge. On the day of, 18.., he applied in writing for reinstatement. The application was referred to a committee of three members, which committee, after due investigation, reported recommending that the request be granted. A ballot was then had on the application, when two-thirds of the qualified members present voted in favor of reinstatement. You are, therefore, hereby respectfully requested to grant permission to this Lodge to reinstate said

Fee paid as the law provides, namely, the amount required from one of like age applying for initiation.

By order of the Lodge,

[SEAL]

....., Secretary.

With this, the law requires that the Lodge shall send to the Grand Master a statement of the offense for which the person was expelled, giving the circumstances so far as necessary for that officer's information. The same document must show also that the expelled person has reformed, and made reparation and apology.¹ The Grand Secretary can furnish printed blank for this petition.

APPEALS.

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- “ 2026.—Tribunals have right to review its decisions, etc.
- “ 2027.—Appeal from G. L. of Illinois to S. G. L.
- “ 2028.—Returns go to Committee of Appeals.
- “ 2029.—G. S. no jurisdiction of appeals, when.
- “ 2030.—From Rebekah Assembly.

¹ Sec. 1991.

1997. Right of appeal, conditions, procedure.—In all cases where a member of a Lodge has been fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled by his Lodge, he may appeal to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of the Grand Lodge, by depositing with the Secretary of his Lodge, within three months after such sentence shall have been pronounced against him, a notice of appeal, with the grounds thereof; and thereupon the Lodge must, without delay, send to the Grand Secretary, under its seal, the aforesaid notice of appeal, together with certified copies of all minutes, charges, evidence and other papers in the possession of the Lodge, or under its control, relating to the subject-matter of the appeal. Two or more members may unite in the same appeal; and where different members appeal for different reasons in the same case, they must give separate notices of appeal; but the Lodge need furnish but one copy of the proceedings and papers connected therewith.

1998. Member deprived of any privilege may appeal.—In all cases where a member of a Lodge has been deprived of some right, honor, privilege or benefit by his Lodge, he may appeal in the same manner.¹

1999. Three members of the Lodge may appeal.—In all cases in which three members of a Lodge shall regard any proceedings of their Lodge in a matter of discipline or grievance as illegal or unjust, they may in like manner appeal, whether they are parties to the proceedings or not.

2000. Appellants shall assign errors.—Appellants shall set forth in their papers the errors, illegalities or injustice against which they appeal.

2001. Appeals from Lodge Deputy.—Any Lodge or member of a Lodge may appeal from any decision or action of a Deputy of the Grand Master to the Grand Master, by giving him notice of such appeal within thirty days; in which case the Deputy must report his action to the Grand Master forthwith and forward all papers relating thereto, with copy of notice of appeal, and the Lodge shall send to the Grand Master a transcript of its record of the matter.

2002. Case must be concluded before appeal is allowed.—The prosecution, the defense, or any member of a Lodge, may, during a trial, appeal to the Lodge from the decision of the Noble Grand, upon questions arising during the proceedings; but no appeal to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of the Grand Lodge lies upon the decision of incidental questions during a

¹ See *Herdman v. Marion Lodge*, No. 13; Ill. J., 1896, 112, 115; sec. 1495, *supra*.

trial; they may form exceptions and the basis of an appeal, but an appeal to said committee can only be taken after the decision of the entire case by the Lodge, which is binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge, or, under its authority, by the Grand Master or by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. ¹

2003. Grand Secretary must examine and require proper record of case.—All appeals and grievances received by the Grand Secretary are to be examined by him, for form and sufficiency. If he finds proceedings or papers informal or incomplete, he must notify the Lodge from which they come of such informality or incompleteness; and it is lawful to rectify or amend any informality or supply any deficiency upon such notice given; and the papers are then returned to the Grand Secretary. When the proceedings and papers are in form and complete, they must be sent to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Said committee examines the case and decides the same; and the decision of said committee is regarded as that of the Grand Lodge and is final unless an appeal therefrom may be taken to the Grand Lodge of Illinois within thirty days from the date of the mailing by the Grand Secretary of copy of said decision to both parties.

2004. Appeal from Committee to Grand Lodge.—An appeal from the decision or judgment of said committee to the Grand Lodge shall be allowed and such appeal shall be considered and determined at the session next after such appeal is taken, except in case such appeal is taken during a session of the Grand Lodge, in which case such appeal may be considered and determined at such time as the Grand Lodge may direct. A notice in writing directed to the Grand Secretary and signed by the member appealing or the Noble Grand or Secretary of the Lodge, under the seal of the Lodge in all cases where a Lodge appeals, briefly stating the fact of such appeal and the reasons assigned therefor, shall be the only requirements of such appeal. ²

2005. Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.—For manner of appointment, jurisdiction, duties, powers and dates and places of the sessions of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Illinois consult the Constitution. ³

2006. Papers on appeal perfecting the appeal.—If a Lodge neglects or refuses to send up appeal papers, the Grand Master or Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, upon learning such facts, shall demand the papers without delay; and if the Lodge still fails in its duty, it is liable to punishment. The Lodge can never prohibit an appeal or impose conditions upon the appellant. The Lodge must assist the appellant to perfect the form

¹ S. J., 3415, 3463.

² Ill. C., Art. VI, Sec. 5.

³ See Secs. 243, 247, *supra*.

of his appeal, or return it to him for correction, or forward it to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge as received; but may not refuse it for informality. If a Lodge fails to perfect an appeal from an appeal against itself, thus allowing informality or incompleteness in the papers, it can have no advantage from its neglect; and the case may be examined and decided upon its merits, irrespective of form.

2007.

FORM OF NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To..... Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F., 18..

Take notice, that the undersigned hereby appeals from the action and judgment of the Lodge in the matter of charges preferred against Brother....., and assigns the following as grounds of such appeal:

First.....
Second.....
Third.....
Fourth.....
Signed.....

When filled out and signed by the one or by the Brothers taking the appeal, it should be given to the Secretary of the Lodge, who should copy it into the record of the case, and forward it to the Grand Secretary of the G. L.

2008. Time for filing appeal papers.—All appeal papers in any case must be filed with the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the session of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals next ensuing after the rendition of the decision appealed from. Cases not so filed may be considered in the discretion of said committee at any meeting after the said paper shall have been filed. ¹

2009. The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals or the Grand Lodge may grant new trial.—Appeals must be entered according to the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge in the matter of appeals; and on command of said Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, or of the Grand Lodge in case of appeal thereto from the action of said Committee, the brother may be tried anew for the same offense. ²

2010. Procedure where change of venue has been taken.—A Lodge in which charges were preferred cannot pray and perfect an appeal in the lodge in which, by change of venue, the charges were tried. In case of change of venue from Lodge A to Lodge B, after trial and finding by B, all papers, etc., with notice of findings, etc., are returned by B to A and the judgment of B becomes the judgment of A, and is entered on its records. A must inflict the penalty, if any fixed by B. The case is then for purposes of appeal as if no change of venue had ever been taken, and an appeal from the decision recorded in Lodge may be taken in the usual manner. Lodge A must send up the records to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, according to law. ³

¹ C., 791; S. J., 3415, Ill. C.

² Sub. C., Art. VII, Sec. 15.

³ C., 793.

2011. Review of entire record.—The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of the Grand Lodge may review on appeal the entire record of a case, consider the weight and sufficiency of the testimony, the competency and credibility of witnesses and the adequacy and fairness of the decision: ¹

2012. To reverse error must affect result.—No error or informality will reverse a decision unless the error may have affected the result. If the error be such that it could not by any possibility have affected the result, the decision will not be reversed, because the error has done no harm. ²

2013. Grand Lodge may reconsider its action.—After the passage of a resolution by a Grand Lodge acquitting a brother who has been charged and expelled by his Subordinate Lodge, it is not competent for such Grand Lodge to reconsider such vote and pass a resolution confirming the decision of his lodge. ³ A State Grand Body may entertain an appeal taken by a member of a Subordinate Lodge. ⁴ It may also, at its pleasure, review, affirm or reverse its former decision. ⁵ An appeal may be taken when a Lodge has unjustly acquitted a brother. ⁶

2014. Decisions rendered by Grand Lodge of Illinois.—Under its power as an appellate body and its authority for the superintendence of the Order and for the securing of justice in the action of Subordinates, the Grand Lodge of Illinois or the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals has, in cases of appeals from trials, done these things: (1) has confirmed the action of Lodges absolutely; (2) has dismissed appeals for incompleteness or informality; (3) has reversed the action of a Lodge sometimes with and sometimes without an order for a new trial; (4) has approved substantial justice without regard to informalities; (5) has reversed sentences of condemnation when unjust, or when informally obtained; (6) has reduced penalties or advised the reduction of them when too severe; (7) has required the imposition of a penalty when a Lodge had failed to inflict after conviction, or of a suitable penalty when that of the Lodge was unsuitable or illegal; and, finally, (8) has required a Lodge to convict a member manifestly guilty, in some cases prescribing also the penalty. ⁷

2015. Appeal of dropped member allowed.—A member who is dropped from membership during the pendency of a trial, and the following week, as the result of the trial, is expelled, can take an appeal from the action of the Lodge declaring him dropped. ⁸

2016. Duty of Lodge in cases of appeal.—In all cases where the minority has the right of appeal under the general law of the

¹ S. J., 8170, 8184.

² S. J., 8108, 8178.

³ S. J., 1405, 1476.

⁴ S. J., 809, 953.

⁵ S. J., 7087.

⁶ S. J., 5776, 5785.

⁷ C., 788.

⁸ C., 795.

Order or under the law of the Subordinate Jurisdiction, on an appeal from the decision of the N. G. to the Lodge, and a vote of the Lodge being had, the N. G. is sustained, and the subject matter is then finally decided by the Lodge, and notice of appeal to the Lodge Deputy or Committee on Judiciary and Appeals is given by the minority of the Lodge at the time, and afterwards and within the time limited by law, the appellants present to the Lodge in writing their appeal with all the facts, exceptions, assignments of error, and reference to the laws and decisions of the Grand Bodies of the Order to sustain such appeal, and said written appeal recites fully all the facts, and the same is read by the Secretary (or by consent of the appellant) in open Lodge, and admitted by the Lodge to contain all the facts, the Lodge is bound either to enter the appeal thus presented in full on the minutes, or to make a minute of the fact of the taking of the appeal and direct the filing of the paper containing the admitted facts, exceptions, etc. And it is the duty of the Lodge in transmitting the appeal to the proper superior tribunal to accompany it with a certified transcript of all the proceedings and papers in the case.¹

2017. When appeal is not prosecuted within the time.—

When by local law appeals must be taken within a limited time, and that time is allowed to pass without appeal, the right of appeal is gone and cannot be revived. In such case the appeal will not be considered but must be dismissed. In case of a claim, a second demand and second refusal will not authorize the appeal which should have been taken on the first denial. Nor may a Grand Lodge entertain an appeal in disregard of its own laws of limitation, nor suspend its laws and entertain an appeal after the time for it has expired.²

2018. Committee on Judiciary and Appeals must consider entire record.—A resolution of a Grand Lodge requiring a member appealing to state his grounds of appeal, and providing that the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals shall not consider any other causes than those stated in the appeal, does not release the committee from other investigation required by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, but imposes a duty upon the appellant.³

2019. When Grand Lodge may not grant new trial.—When a brother of a Subordinate Lodge has been suspended or expelled, and appeals from the decision of his Subordinate Lodge to a State Grand Lodge, or, in Illinois, its Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, on the ground of informality or want of fairness, said Grand Lodge or said Committee has not the power to grant a new trial unless informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, or new testimony be discovered.⁴ When the fundamental laws of a Grand Lodge provide that an appeal to it may be taken only on points of

¹ S. J., 5835, 5877.

² S. J., 3381, 3468, 3490, 14464, 14471.

³ S. J., 5923, 5951.

⁴ S. J., 817.

law, or irregularity or unfairness in the proceedings, it cannot review the findings of fact or the severity of the sentence. If a Lodge has the exclusive power delegated to it to fix a penalty no appellate tribunal may disturb its decision.¹ When in an appealed case the Grand Lodge has acquitted an accused party, both on the law and on the facts, it cannot order a new trial on the same charges and for the same offense for the benefit of the Lodge or accusing party.²

2020. Brother pleading guilty may appeal from decision fixing penalty.—A brother who pleads guilty to charges preferred against him, and upon whom the Lodge inflicts a penalty, has a right to appeal, inasmuch as the penalty may be disproportioned to the transgression.³

2021. G. L. Committee must give notice to parties interested.—When an investigation is made, on an appeal, into the action of a Lodge, by a committee of a Grand Lodge appointed to hear and examine the case, the Lodge should have notice of the investigation, so as to have opportunity to be represented before the committee; otherwise, the case should be reheard.⁴

2022. When decision of Grand Lodge takes effect.—If there is no local law which stays the effect of a decision of a Grand Lodge during the prosecution of an appeal, such decision takes effect fully and at once.⁵ If there is a local law providing for a stay of proceedings pending the decision of an appeal, a brother, expelled by his Lodge, who has taken an appeal from its decision, has the right to attend the sessions of his Lodge pending his appeal to the Grand Lodge. But the brother is bound to pay dues, and in case of his failure to keep himself beneficiary during said appeal he cannot claim benefits.⁶

2023. Decision of G. L. operative immediately.—In Illinois there is no local law which stays the effect of a decision of the Grand Lodge or of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals pending an appeal. Such decision becomes operative as soon as made by the Grand Lodge or by said committee unless stayed by special act of G. M., L. D. G. M. or Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

2024. An appeal confers no extraordinary privileges.—An appeal confers upon a member under penalty no additional privileges or any different position than such as he is entitled to under the local law of his jurisdiction.⁷

2025. Rights of member during appeal.—If a brother who takes an appeal stands suspended or expelled, he has no right to visit the Lodge against which he appeals nor any other Lodge, dur-

¹ S. J., 4591, 4594.

² S. J., 3818, 3841.

³ C., 801.

⁴ S. J., 2919, 2963.

⁵ S. J., 10253, 10487, 10511.

⁶ S. J., 10251, 10487, 10511.

⁷ S. J., 903.

ing the pendency of the appeal. If a brother is acquitted on charges preferred and an appeal is taken against the action of the Lodge in acquitting him, he is, notwithstanding the appeal, entitled to all privileges and benefits of the Order to which he would be entitled if no such appeal were pending, except that he may not take a withdrawal or visiting card nor resign from the Order until the appeal is decided. ¹

2026. Every tribunal has the right to open and review its own action and decision when it shall appear that gross fraud or mistake has occurred. ² No case will be reopened or reheard unless good reason therefor clearly appears from petition for rehearing filed within thirty days after the Grand Secretary shall have sent a copy of the opinion to each party. Such petition must show clearly that the law (citing the law) has been misapplied by the Committee on Judiciary or Appeals or by the Grand Lodge, or if asked on the grounds of the evidence, such petition must set forth clearly wherein the Committee or Grand Lodge has misunderstood the evidence. If the petition is based on newly discovered evidence it must clearly appear from the petition that such party has discovered new and important evidence which was unknown to such party and could not have been discovered by the exercise of due diligence before the hearing. Each party should produce before the tribunal trying the case all evidence known, or desired, before submitting the case for judgment. ³

2027. Appeals to S. G. L.—The laws relating to appeals from the Grand Lodge of Illinois to the S. G. L. are stated in Chapter IV, *supra*. ⁴

2028. Returns of a Grand Lodge in accordance with instructions, though arising upon petition, should go to the Committee of Appeals, and an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge is the proper course to bring the case to a final determination before the S. G. L. ⁵

2029. The Grand Sire is not permitted to consider appeals from Subordinate Lodges nor members not under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ⁶ He cannot hear appeals from any Subordinate Lodge, except those under the immediate jurisdiction of the S. G. L. ⁷

2030. From Rebekah Assembly.—All appeals from the decision or action of a Rebekah Assembly shall be made to the Grand Lodge of its jurisdiction, and from the Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as provided by the rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. ⁸

¹ C., 790.

² S. J., 10055, 10169.

³ Ill. J., IX, 891.

⁴ See Secs. 86, 619, 724-748, *supra*.

⁵ S. J., 14687, 15019.

⁶ S. J., 14686, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14685, 15019.

⁸ R. C., 32.

CHAPTER IX.

THE REBEKAH BRANCH, I. O. O. F.

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RELATION TO I. O. O. F., REBEKAH DEGREE, ASSEMBLY DEGREE, SUPREMACY OF S. G. L., POWERS OF G. L. AND OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY GENERALLY.

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 “ 2065.—Profits accruing to Rebekah State Assembly.
 “ 2066.—Supplies.
 “ 2067.—Appeals.

2031. The Rebekah Branch, its relation to I. O. O. F.—The relation of this branch of Odd Fellowship to the Order so far as its laws are concerned may be seen at a glance by reference to the Book of Constitutions,¹ where the written law is therein set forth as follows:

OF THE REBEKAH BRANCH.²

CODE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF REBEKAH LODGES.³

REBEKAH STATE ASSEMBLY OF ILLINOIS.⁴

Constitution.⁵

Rules of order and order of business.⁶

Rebekah Lodges of Illinois.⁷

Constitution.⁸

Model By-Laws.⁹

Model Rules of Order.¹⁰

Order of business.¹¹

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has thus given to this branch a comprehensive Code for its government, under which the Grand Lodge of Illinois has granted its charter to the Rebekah State Assembly,¹² which has its own constitution and rules of order with

¹ See Secs. 83-612, *supra*.

² Secs. 423-612, *supra*.

³ Secs. 423-460, *supra*.

⁴ Secs. 461-494, *supra*.

⁵ Secs. 461-488, *supra*.

⁶ Secs. 489-494, *supra*.

⁷ Secs. 495-612, *supra*.

⁸ Secs. 495-583, *supra*.

⁹ Secs. 584-599, *supra*.

¹⁰ Secs. 600-611, *supra*.

¹¹ Sec. 612, *supra*.

¹² Sec. 2037, *infra*.

the order of business. ¹ The Grand Lodge has also chartered the Rebekah Lodges and for them prescribed a constitution, together with a set of model by-laws, model rules of order and order of business to guide and control them, so that the Rebekah branch is no longer a mere social feature but has become a regularly organized part of Odd Fellowship; it is thus endowed with a more substantial character, although in carrying out the commands of the Order it has long been recognized as a generous leader and sympathizing friend; in it the great work of organized benevolence finds its fairest and most efficient helpmeet. ²

2032. The Rebekah a regular degree.—The degree of Rebekah is recognized as a regular degree of the I. O. O. F., to be conferred in a regular chartered Rebekah Lodge. It is now in the same position as the other degrees of the Order which cannot be revoked by a mere majority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and it has become strongly entrenched in the chartered rights of Rebekah Lodges working under and by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, whether instituted thereunder or under the authority of a Subordinate State Grand Lodge. ³

2033. Sovereign Grand Lodge Supreme.—To the Sovereign Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. The above provision shall apply with full force and effect to the Degree of Rebekah. ⁴

2034. Laws applicable to Grand Jurisdiction of Rebekah.—Except as provided in the first thirty-three sections of the Rebekah Code, adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1894, and the subsequent amendments thereto, all laws, rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted for the government of Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions or that in any way affect the rights of individual members, are made to apply, where applicable, in all their force to State Grand Jurisdictions of the Degree of Rebekah. ⁵

2035. Former laws repealed.—All laws and parts of laws heretofore enacted for the government of Rebekah Lodges were repealed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the session of 1894. ⁶

2036. Rebekah Assemblies authorized.—Any Grand Lodge working under a charter granted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, in a jurisdiction having five or more Rebekah Lodges, is hereby

¹ Ill. J., IX, 972, 1023, 1026.

² S. J., 14009.

³ S. J., 15006, 15071.

⁴ R. Code, Sec. 1; Sec. 424, *supra*;
S. J., 14010, 14086.

⁵ See Sec. 73, *supra*; S. J., 14014;

R. Code, Sec. 33; Sec. 457, *supra*.

⁶ S. J., 14014, 14086, 14087; R. Code,
Sec. 34; Sec. 458, *supra*.

empowered, upon proper petition, to charter and institute a Rebekah Assembly within its own jurisdiction, and such Grand Lodge may clothe such Assembly with such powers and surround it with such limitations as may be deemed best for carrying out the objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges, as set forth in the laws governing the same. Such Assemblies shall be required to make such reports as their respective Grand Lodges may direct. But all rights and privileges granted to Rebekah Assemblies, both those granted by charter and by law, shall be revocable at any time by the Grand Lodge granting same, or by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.¹ The Assembly is to be open and work only in the Assembly Degree which was adopted by Sovereign Grand Lodge, in secret session, 1895.

2037. Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois, Charter.—The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, To Whom it may concern :

KNOW YE that the said Grand Lodge on the application of the following Rebekah Lodges, viz. :

Memento No. 125, Geneva No. 274, Peoria No. 113, Orphans' Home No. 9, Flora No. 152, Salem No. 107, Superior No. 18, Sophia No. 96, Good Will No. 201, Canton No. 245, Lilla No. 63, Golden Rule No. 27, Elite No. 2 and Progress No. 141, doth hereby grant this warrant to establish a Rebekah Assembly to be known and hailed as Rebekah State Assembly² of Illinois, and such Assembly shall have all the rights, powers and privileges which have been or may hereafter be given to *Rebekah Assemblies* by the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; *Provided*, however, that said Assembly hereby constituted, shall at all times render due obedience to the laws and mandates of the said Grand Lodge, and in default thereof of the rights, powers and privileges hereby granted may be suspended and this charter reclaimed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grand Lodge has caused the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to be hereunto set and the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed, this twentieth day of November, A. D. 1894.

{ SEAL OF G. L. }
{ OF ILL. }

HENRY PHILLIPS, *Grand Master*.

JAS. R. MILLER, *Grand Secretary*.

2038. Authentication.

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

Springfield, Ill., July 31, 1896.

The above and foregoing is a correct copy of the Charter issued to the Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois.

{ SEAL OF G. L. }
{ OF ILL. }

JAS. R. MILLER, *Grand Secretary*.

¹ Sec., 454, *supra*; S. J., 14586, 14610, 14991, 15070.

² Ill. J., 1894, 972.

2039. Title.—This organization shall be known and hailed as the Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois. ¹

2040. Object.—The object of the Assembly shall be to create a deeper interest in this branch of Odd Fellowship; to propose to the Grand Lodge suitable legislation for this branch of the Order; to collect and report such information as will lead to a better understanding of its character and objects. ²

2041. Membership.—Members of Rebekah Assemblies are such as the Grand Lodge shall provide for in consonance with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The membership of the State Assembly shall consist of the duly elected delegates, officers and past elective officers, and all past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges. Delegates must be sisters who are Past Noble Grands. Past Noble Grands shall be required to present to the Secretary of the Assembly a certificate of such eligibility, properly signed and sealed by her Lodge, upon blank forms to be provided by the Secretary of the Assembly. Said credentials shall entitle the Past Noble Grand to all the privileges given regularly elected delegates, excepting mileage and per diem. ³

2042. Rebekah Lodges, their objects and purposes.—The objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges are :

(1.) To aid in the establishment and maintenance of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or for the widows of deceased Odd Fellows; and Homes for the care, education and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

(2.) To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and in every way to assist Subordinate and Sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble or want.

(3.) To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among Lodges and families of Odd Fellows. ⁴

2043. Their representation in the Rebekah State Assembly.—The basis of representation is as follows : Each Rebekah Lodge shall be entitled to one delegate whose mileage and per diem shall be paid by the Assembly; the Capitation Tax of Rebekah Lodges to be increased to twenty cents per capita for that purpose. ⁵

2044. Election of delegates certified, how.—Delegates shall be elected at the last meeting in June, nominations to be made at the preceding meeting, except in case of Lodges instituted after that date and before the meeting of the assembly following.

¹ Ill. R. A. Const. Art. I, Sec. 1.
See the Charter; also Sec. 461.

² Ill. R. A. Const. Art. I, Sec. 2;
Sec. 462, *supra*.

³ S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570; Ill. R. A.
Const. Art. II, Sec. 1; Sec. 463, *supra*.

⁴ R. C., Sec. 1; Sec. 423, *supra*; S. J.,
14010.

⁵ Ill. R. A. Const. Art. II, Sec. 2;
Sec. 464, *supra*; Ill. J., 1896, 327, 332.

It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary of each Lodge to certify the result of the election of delegates under the seal of the Lodge to the Secretary of the State Assembly; vacancies to be filled by special election. ¹

2045.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

Hall of.....Rebekah Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F.

This is to certify that Sister.....has earned the honors of Past Noble Grand, and has been duly elected to represent this Lodge as a Delegate to the Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois.

Witness our hands and seal of the Lodge this....day of....., 189..



.....N. G.
.....Sec'y.

2046. Principal Officers.—The code prescribes that the principal officers of a Rebekah Assembly shall be a President, Vice President, Warden, a Secretary and Treasurer; and the President shall have power to appoint a Marshal, a Conductor, a Chaplain, an Inside Guardian and an Outside Guardian; and the duties of these various officers shall be those which usually appertain to such offices. All officers shall be of the female sex. ²

2047. Elective and appointed.—The elective officers of this Assembly shall be a President, Vice President, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer. The appointed officers shall consist of a Marshal, a Conductor, a Chaplain, an Inside Guardian and an Outside Guardian; and the duties of these various officers shall be those which usually appertain to such offices. All officers shall be of the female sex. ³

2048. Assistants.—The President of a Rebekah Assembly doubtless may appoint other than those officers named in Section 31 R. C., *e. g.*, Supporters, but they would not rank as officers, only assistants. ⁴

2049. Elections and tenure of office.—The officers shall be elected at the annual session and shall hold their offices one year or until their successors are elected and installed. In the election of officers, a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice, but if there be but one candidate for any office, elections may be by acclamation. ⁵

2050. No Department President.—The President of the Rebekah Assembly may not, and the Grand Lodge may not empower her to appoint a Department President in every Rebekah

¹ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. II, Secs. 3, 4, 465, 466, *supra*.

² Sec. 31; R. C. Sec. 455, *supra*.

³ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. IV, Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 468, *supra*.

⁴ 1895 Journal, 14241, 14487, 14570.

⁵ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. IV, Secs. 3 and 4; Secs. 470, 471, *supra*.

Lodge and clothe her with power to see that the work is done correctly, install the officers, and report directly to the President of the Assembly, with power to appoint a substitute, if she cannot attend to the duties. ¹

2051. The Rebekah Assembly Degree, by whom conferred.—

The Grand Representatives are authorized to confer the Rebekah Assembly Degree on the President of the Rebekah Assembly; the Presidents of the Rebekah Assemblies are authorized to confer the Degree, or cause the same to be done, in their respective Assemblies, upon sisters and brothers who are eligible to membership in said Rebekah Assemblies. ² It is not for Past Noble Grands. It can be conferred only on those entitled to admission to a Rebekah Assembly at Assembly meetings. ³ The Degree is open to the Grand Master and Grand representatives of their jurisdiction for official visitations. It does not exclude any, who, by the laws of the Rebekah Assembly, are entitled to admission. It excludes all others, as it can be conferred only in the Assembly. ⁴ No part of it, except the O. B. N., can be transmitted, except orally. If representatives did not acquire it at the session, there is no way for the jurisdiction to get possession of it, other than to send one or more of its representatives to Baltimore and learn it. ⁵ Receiving the Rebekah Assembly Degree in the S. G. L. confers upon Grand Representatives no right of membership in a Rebekah Assembly. If a member of a Rebekah Lodge, he may visit the Assembly without taking the Degree, he already being in possession of it. ⁶ Should a Grand Representative be elected by his Lodge as a representative to the Assembly, he should take the O. B. N. of this Degree before entering upon his duties as a member. ⁷

2052. Duties of officers.—The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order and decorum therein, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, submit all questions, and perform such other duties as usage requires. The Vice President shall assist the President and act as President during the absence of that officer. ⁸

2053. The Warden shall, under the President, have special charge of the door, and shall assist the President in conducting the business of the Assembly. ⁹

2054. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting, shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer, keep correct accounts between this Assembly and the

¹ S. J., 14679, 14948, 15019.

² S. J., 15051, 15088.

³ S. J., 14674, 15042.

⁴ S. J., 14674, 14950, 15067.

⁵ S. J., 14675, 14949, 15019.

⁶ S. J., 14676, 15045, 15086.

⁷ S. J., 14676, 14949, 15019.

⁸ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. V, Secs. 1, 2; Sec. 472, *supra*.

⁹ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. V, Sec. 3; Sec. 474, *supra*.

several Lodges; shall receive all moneys due and payable to this Assembly, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay, taking Treasurer's receipt for the same, and shall perform such other duties as may be required, and shall give a bond of \$500. During the session of the Assembly the Secretary may select an Assistant Secretary, who shall receive as compensation, three dollars per diem. ¹

2055. The Treasurer shall receive from the hands of the Secretary all moneys paid to the Assembly, giving a receipt therefor, pay all bills ordered by the Assembly and perform such other duties as the Assembly may require, also give bond not less than \$2,000. ²

2056. The Marshal, Conductor, Chaplain and Guardians shall respectively perform such official duties as are required by the usage of the Order. ³

2057. Compensation of officers.—The President, Vice President, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer shall receive 4 cents per mile one way, and \$3.00 per diem. The President shall receive \$100.00 per year, and expenses, and the Secretary \$300.00 per year, and expenses, for their services; the maximum amount of expenses to be fixed by the Assembly in advance each year. ⁴

2058. Standing Committees —(1.) The standing committees shall be an Executive Committee of five, a Finance Committee of three, and a Foreign Correspondence Committee of three, to be appointed by the President. ⁵

(2.) The Executive Committee shall arrange for suitable places to hold the annual meetings, act as advisory board to the President during intermission, be the custodian of the bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer, and perform other duties pertaining to the comfort and convenience of the Assembly. ⁶

(3.) The Finance Committee shall report upon all accounts and claims against the Assembly, previous to such accounts and claims being allowed. It shall audit annually the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and the accounts of all officers and committees intrusted with the receipt and disbursement of funds of the Assembly, and from time to time suggest such measures of finance as it may deem expedient. ⁷

(4.) The Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall collect such matter appertaining to the prosperity and growth of the Order

¹ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. V, Sec. 4; Sec. 475, *supra*.

² Ill. R. A. Const., Art. V, Sec. 5; Sec. 476, *supra*.

³ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. V, Sec. 6; Sec. 477, *supra*.

⁴ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. VII, Sec. 3; Sec. 484, *supra*.

⁵ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. VI, Sec. 1; Sec. 478, *supra*.

⁶ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. VI., Sec. 2; Sec. 479, *supra*.

⁷ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. VI; Sec. 480, *supra*.

in sister jurisdictions as may be within its power, or as may be gleaned from the published records of the several state assemblies. This committee shall render to the Assembly a written report of its work. ¹

2059. Sessions.—This assembly shall be held annually at the same time and place where the Grand Lodge holds its annual session. Preliminary meetings for the purpose of receiving officers' reports, appointment of committees and other preliminary work, may be held at the same locality on the day before, upon the call of the President, provided such call is announced at least three weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting. ²

2059 a. Quorum, expenses of delegates, how paid.—Fifty duly elected delegates, one of whom shall be qualified to preside in the absence of the President and Vice President shall constitute a quorum. The expenses of the State Assembly shall be paid from its treasury, the funds to supply which shall be obtained by levying such per capita tax as the assembly may authorize; *Provided*, any excess over twenty cents per capita shall be levied or authorized by the Grand Lodge.

2060. Regalia.—Every officer, delegate and visitor must be in proper regalia before he or she can be allowed to speak in the assembly, but in lieu of the collar for members and visitors a badge (as prescribed in Section 25, Rebekah code) of pink and green ribbon shall be deemed proper regalia; officers must wear the regalia prescribed by the S. G. L. ³

2061. The Directors of the Orphans' Home shall be composed of five Sisters, who shall be elected by this Assembly. One for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of five years; and, hereafter one director shall be elected annually for the term of five years. In case of vacancy by resignation or otherwise, the President shall fill such vacancy until the next session of the State Assembly. ⁴

2062. Powers and limitations.—A Grand Lodge cannot delegate the entire Rebekah Branch to the control of Rebekah Assemblies, ⁵ but it may confer upon the Rebekah Assembly, general power to make laws and regulations for the government of Rebekah Lodges; *provided*, the power is limited to enabling them to carry out the objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges as in the Code declared. ⁶

¹ R. A. J., 1896, 524; Ill. J., 1896, 328; Sec. 411, *supra*.

² Ill. R. A. C., Art. III.

³ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. VII, Sec. 4; Sec. 485, *supra*.

⁴ Ill. R. A. Const., Art. VIII; Sec. 486, *supra*.

⁵ S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

⁶ S. J., 14678, 15019.

2062 a. The Rebekah Lodges and Rebekah Assembly are subordinate to the Grand Lodge; in the interim of its session the Constitution vests a suspending power in the Grand Master which cannot be taken away from him. ¹

2062 b. The Grand Lodge may not give to the President of the Assembly power to decide all questions of law and usage governing Rebekah Lodges and make such decisions binding until reversed by the Assembly. ²

2062 c. The Grand Lodge may not give to a Committee of the Assembly power to determine and give effect to by-laws of Rebekah Lodges. ³

2062 d. The Grand Lodge may give to the Assembly, subject to the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge, the power to determine appeals for the non-observance of the general laws of the Order. ⁴

2062 e. The Grand Lodge may give to the Assembly the power to hear and determine appeals from Rebekah Lodges over member or members thereof, reserving the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge. ⁵

2062 f. A Grand Lodge may not give to Rebekah Assemblies the power to charter Rebekah Lodges ⁶ nor transfer the power to reclaim the charter books and effects from the Grand Master to the President of the Assembly. ⁷

2062 g. A Grand Lodge may not give the Assembly power to revoke the charter of a Rebekah Lodge, or disturb such lodge in the possession of chartered rights. The power of revocation belongs to the body authorized to grant the charter. The Grand Lodge cannot delegate that power. ⁸

2063. Assemblies cannot institute Rebekah Lodges.—Grand Lodges cannot confer upon Rebekah Assemblies power to institute and charter Rebekah Lodges. They are clothed ⁹ with a special power, the time and place for exercising which is left to their judgment. Such a power cannot be delegated. ¹⁰

2064. The taxing power.—The Grand Lodge may transfer its power to tax Rebekah Lodges to the Rebekah State Assembly. ¹¹ It may authorize the Assembly to levy and collect a *per capita* tax upon such Lodges. ¹²

¹ S. J., 14678, 15011, 15072.

² S. J., 14679, 15011, 15072.

³ S. J., 14679, 15019.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ S. J., 14679, 15919.

⁶ S. J., 14674, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14679, 15019.

⁸ S. J., 14678, 15019.

⁹ Sec. 2, R. C.; Sec. 425, *supra*.

¹⁰ S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570.

¹¹ R. C., 30; Sec. 454, *supra*; S. J., 14673, 15011, 15072.

¹² R. C. 33; Sec. 457, *supra*; S. J., 14678, 15011, 15019.

2065. Profits accruing to Rebekah State Assembly.—The Grand Secretary is directed to turn over to the Rebekah State Assembly all of the profits arising from charter fees, from Rebekah Lodges, and from the orders for supplies from such Lodges. ¹

2066. Supplies.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge cannot furnish supplies direct to Rebekah Assemblies. Section 26, R. C.; Section 449, *supra*, by the strongest implication affirms the general law. ²

2067. Appeals. ³

REBEKAH LODGES OF ILLINOIS.

- SECTION 2068.—Constitution and laws which control.
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 “ 2078.—Powers of Rebekah Lodges.
 “ 2079.—Title and number of members.
 “ 2080.—Surrender of charter.

2068. The Constitution and laws of the Sovereign and Illinois Grand Lodges control. ⁴

2069. Failure to comply therewith may be cause for the forfeiture of the charter. ⁵ If it fails to comply with the requisitions and laws of the Grand Lodge, a Rebekah Lodge will forfeit its charter and in such cases it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to comply with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. ⁶

2070. The establishment of Rebekah Lodges.—The objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges are fully stated in the Book of Constitutions, *supra*, as repeated in this chapter. ⁷ To carry out these the establishment of such Lodges is encouraged, and when it is made evident that the good of the Order requires it, on proper application the Grand Master will issue the necessary warrant. The Grand Master is authorized to grant dispensation for Rebekah Lodges, upon the petition of not less than ten persons, five of each sex, who

¹ Ill. J., VIII; 101, 257, 509.

² Journal, 14240, 14487, 14570.

³ See appeals, Secs. 2030, 2062 d.

⁴ See Secs. 77, 578, *supra*; Ill.

C. R. L., Art. XIII, Sec. 1.

⁵ Ill. C. R. L., Art. XIII, Sec. 2;

Sec. 579, *supra*.

⁶ G. L., B.-L., Art. II, Secs. 1, 2, see 269, 270, *supra*.

⁷ Ill. Const. R. L., Art. II, Sec. 1; Secs. 498, 2042, *supra*.

have either had the Rebekah Degree or are eligible thereto: if there be one or more Rebekah Lodges in the same place there shall be not less than ten petitioners of each sex. The petition must be accompanied by evidence of the qualification of every petitioner, in the manner and kind as shall be required of applicants for membership in regularly chartered Rebekah Lodges. ¹

2071. Who may petition for a new Lodge.—Any brother of a Subordinate Lodge and his wife, also any one eligible to the degree may petition for a new Rebekah Lodge. A brother or sister who has received the Rebekah Degree in a Subordinate Lodge is eligible to be an applicant for a charter for a Rebekah Lodge, or to be admitted to membership in such Lodge after its institution, on a favorable ballot, *provided*, he is in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, and he or she is not a suspended or expelled member of a Rebekah Lodge. ² An initiatory degree member is qualified to become a charter member of a Rebekah Lodge. ³

2072.

PETITION FOR A REBEKAH LODGE.

"Fail not, falter not, weary not in well doing."

To the Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Rebekah Lodge, to be located at.....County of.....in the State of Illinois, to be known and hailed as.....Rebekah Lodge, No.....

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a warrant may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your Grand Body.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....A. D. 189..

BROTHERS	SISTERS

2072 a. Instructions and directions.

The charter fee of \$20.00 must be sent to the Grand Secretary with the above petition. For the charter fee the following supplies will be sent, to-wit: The charter, two rituals and twelve odes. Should other supplies be desired, payment for the same must accompany the order.

Five persons of each sex must sign the petition, or if there be a Rebekah Lodge in the same place, ten of each sex.

Under the law, as it now is, the following persons may petition for a Rebekah Lodge and become charter members without further qualifications: (1) All

¹ C., 889.; see Secs. 2071, 2072, 2072 a, *infra*.

³ S. J., 15003, 15071, 15087; Sec. 2072 a, *infra*.

² S. J., 13257, 13548, 13671.

persons who have received the degree of Rebekah; (2) all Odd Fellows in good standing and their wives; (3) all unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character.

The certificate on the back of the petition must be filled out, signed and sealed by the Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, and if any of the petitioners hold withdrawal cards from other Rebekah Lodges, such cards must be sent to the Grand Secretary with this petition.

Also send the name of a Brother Past Grand who is a member of a Rebekah Lodge, or the name of a sister who is a Past Noble Grand of some adjacent Rebekah Lodge, whom the petitioners desire to institute the new Lodge. Write all names plainly.

2073.

CERTIFICATE.

Hall of.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.
.....Illinois,189..

This certifies that Brothers.....

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are members of the Order in good standing; and that they and the following ladies joining in this petition for a Rebekah Lodge are eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.....
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.....Secretary.

[SEAL.]

2074. Institution of new Lodges.—Grand Lodges subordinate to the S. G. L. are authorized and empowered to institute Rebekah Lodges at such places as they may deem proper within their territorial limits.¹ A Grand Master or any Past Grand or Past Noble Grand, who is in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, may serve as the instituting officer of a new Lodge.² The Grand Sire may institute, or cause to be instituted, Rebekah Lodges in any country, state or territory under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.³ Rebekah Lodges shall not be chartered in the name of any living person.⁴

2075. Any qualified member may act at institution.—The chair of the P. N. G. is not an office, nor is the P. N. G. an officer. Under the beautified work it is very incongruous, and would mar the effect of the ceremony for the N. G. to change robes and situation. The law of 1890, by Section 34 of the R. C. is repealed, and as no official instructions are connected with the charge, as in the case of the first officers of a new Lodge, previous service in office is not required as a qualification, and any qualified member may deliver it. In the institution of a Rebekah Lodge in which there is no Past Noble Grand, any qualified member may, during the first term, deliver the P. N. G. charge.⁵

¹ R. C., Sec. 2; Sec. 425, *supra*.

² Sec. 426, *supra*; S. J., 14674, 15019.

³ Sec. 427, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 428, *supra*.

⁵ S. J., 14239, 14539, 14570, 14675, 14949, 15019.

2076. Where Lodges may be instituted without consent of existing R. Lodges.—In a place where there is more than one Subordinate Lodge and only one Rebekah Lodge, another Rebekah Lodge may be instituted without asking the consent of the existing Rebekah Lodges. (This repeals the former law.)¹

2076 a. Induction of applicants for charter.—The degree of Rebekah can be conferred by duly constituted Rebekah Lodges only, but for the purpose of assisting the organization of Rebekah Lodges the necessary power to induct applicants for charter into the degree where they do not possess it, and are otherwise qualified, is vested in the several Grand Lodges and Grand Master, *ad interim*.²

2077. Forms of charter.—Each State Jurisdiction is hereby authorized to prepare and adopt suitable forms of charter for Rebekah Lodges and Rebekah Assemblies.³

2078. Powers of Rebekah Lodges.—Rebekah Lodges instituted in conformity with the foregoing sections, shall possess the power and enjoy the privileges subject to the general regulations of the Order and the provisions of constitutional and other laws enacted for their government by the S. G. L. and by the Grand Lodge to which they are subordinate, of (1) conferring the Degree of Rebekah on properly qualified applicants; (2) electing and appointing their own officers in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge and by their own By-Laws; (3) fixing initiation fees and dues, to be paid at such time and in such manner as the Constitution or By-Laws may provide, and of suspending from the rights and privileges of membership those in arrears for one year's dues; (4) disbursing from the Funds of the Lodge such sums as may be voted by a majority of the members present, for legal purposes; (5) establishing, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, such By-Laws and Rules of Order as they may desire, consistent, however, with the enactments of the S. G. L. and of the G. L.⁴

2079. Title and number of members.—This Rebekah Lodge shall be constituted by not less than five members, irrespective of sex, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled Rebekah Lodge, No., I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois.⁵

2080. Surrender of Charter.—As a Rebekah Lodge must consist of not less than five members, it cannot voluntarily surrender its charter nor dissolve as long as five members, in good standing, desire to retain such charter and work under it. *Provided*, that

¹ Ill. J., Art. VIII, 517.

² R. C., 27; Sec. 451, *supra*.

³ R. C., 21; Sec. 444, *supra*.

⁴ R. C., Secs. 14 to 19; Secs. 437, 442, *supra*.

⁵ Ill. C. R. L., Art. I, Sec. 1; Ill. J. 1895, 199.

when a vote upon the surrendering of such charter is to be taken, notice shall be sent to all the members in this Lodge in good standing.¹

MEMBERSHIP.

- SECTION 2081.—The necessary qualifications.
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 - “ 2095.—Good moral character and a belief in a Supreme Being requisites.
 - “ 2096.—Initiatory member of Subordinate Lodge eligible.
 - “ 2097.—Expelled Odd Fellows ineligible.
 - “ 2098.—Widows eligible.
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 - “ 2100.—Marriage does not forfeit membership.
 - “ 2101.—Husband and wife former members, having withdrawal cards, eligible.
 - “ 2102.—Conflict of jurisdiction.
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 - “ 2107.—Holder of dismissal certificate may apply to another Lodge.
 - “ 2108.—A woman divorced eligible.
 - “ 2109.—Rules to apply to brothers and sisters alike.
 - “ 2110.—Wife of a non-Odd Fellow, ineligible.
 - “ 2111.—Decoration of Chivalry.
 - “ 2112.—Suspended member, when eligible.
 - “ 2113.—The wife of a suspended member ineligible.
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 - “ 2116.—Dropped for non-payment of dues, how reinstated.
 - “ 2117.—Member expelled may apply for reinstatement in writing.
 - “ 2118.—Notice of reinstatement to be given, how.

2081. The necessary qualifications.—A candidate for membership in this Lodge by initiation, or otherwise, must be a white person, a resident of the jurisdiction of Illinois, a believer in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and of good

¹ C. R. L., Art. XIII, Sec. 3; Sec. 580, *supra*; Ill. J. 1895, 216; Secs. 452, 495, *supra*.

moral character, and included in one or more of the following clauses:

- 1st. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah.
- 2nd. All Odd Fellows in good standing, and their wives.
- 3d. All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years. ¹

2081a. Residence.—A candidate for membership in this Lodge by initiation shall have resided in the Jurisdiction of Illinois at least six months previous to application for membership. ² The territorial limit to membership, as fixed by the S. G. L., for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, does not apply to Rebekah Lodges, unless made so by local law. ³

2082. Deposit of card.—A candidate for membership by deposit of card must have a withdrawal card, dismissal certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of legal termination of membership, or visiting card, and shall be a resident of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, as provided for in Const. R. L. ⁴

2083. Visiting card privileges.—Any member of a Rebekah Lodge holding a visiting card, in force, has the privilege of applying for membership in this Lodge, without having obtained a withdrawal card from the Lodge in which membership is held, and may be elected to membership in this Lodge. But such candidate will not be entitled to full membership, nor have any of the privileges of a member of this Lodge, until a withdrawal card from the Lodge (in which previous membership was held) is deposited with this Lodge, nor until the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of this Lodge. ⁵

2084. Degree of Rebekah, proof of.—Candidates for membership under Clause 1, Section 1, of this Article, shall prove themselves in the Degree of Rebekah to the satisfaction of this Lodge or its committee, and shall furnish conclusive proof of having received the same. Such proof shall be by record evidence, or by those members of the Order who were present at the conferring of the degree on such candidate or candidates. ⁶

2085. An application for membership shall be in the following form, to-wit:

FORM OF APPLICATION.

To the Officers and Members of Rebekah Lodge, No., working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned (a), who has been a resident of

¹ Sec. 499, *supra*.

² Sec. 500, *supra*.

³ S. J., 14675, 15019.

⁴ C. R. L., Art. III, Sec. 2; Sec. 501, *supra*.

⁵ Sec. 502, *supra*; read Secs. 1556 a and 1564, *supra*, in connection with this section.

⁶ Sec. 503, *supra*.

the Jurisdiction of Illinois for six months last past, who is a white person and a believer in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, respectfully requests admission into this Lodge by (b).....

I certify that (c)..... and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree that if elected I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge, and those of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith, in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event, or for any purpose, to the civil courts.

My age is years; my occupation is, and my residence is, Illinois, and I refer to and

Signed.....

Witness..... and Dated.....18..

Note—(a) Insert here name of applicant. (b) State here whether by initiation, by withdrawal card, by visiting card, by dismissal certificate or reinstatement. (c) Here the applicant shall certify, as the case may be, that, "I am an Odd Fellow in good standing in Lodge," or "I am the wife of an Odd Fellow who is in good standing in Lodge;" or, "I received the Degree of Rebekah at;" or, "I am an unmarried woman;" and (if not by reinstatement), "I have not been a member of a Rebekah Lodge, nor have I been rejected in a Rebekah Lodge within six months."

2085 a. Requirements.—Said application for membership shall be signed by the applicant and witnessed by two members of this Lodge. The application, accompanied by the fee therefor, should be presented to the Lodge at a regular meeting thereof, by a member, and shall be entered in substance on the records and referred to a special committee of three members for investigation, two of whom shall be sisters and one a brother, if the applicant be a lady; or two brothers and one sister if the applicant be an Odd Fellow; which committee shall report in writing at the next regular meeting unless further time be granted. ¹

2086. Certificate of good standing.—All Odd Fellows petitioning for membership in this Rebekah Lodge shall present a certificate in the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING.

Hall ofLodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

At, Illinois,, 18..

To whom it may concern:

This certifies that Bro..... is a member of this Lodge in good standing.

(Seal.)

.....Secretary.

2087. The Ballot.—When the report of the investigating committee has been submitted to the Lodge, the candidate shall be balloted for as required by law, after which the ballot-box shall be passed by the Warden to the Vice Grand, who shall examine the ballot and inform the Noble Grand whether the same is favorable or unfavor-

¹ Sec. 504, *supra*.

able; the Warden shall then pass the box to the Noble Grand, who shall inspect the ballot and announce the result, merely stating that the candidate is elected or rejected. If not more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected.¹ The former Rebekah law predicated membership upon a majority vote. The present law predicates it upon the number of black balls cast. If three appear the candidate is rejected, though fifty white balls should be cast. Any law that now predicates membership upon a *majority* of votes is null and void.²

2088. Proposition for membership.—A proposition for membership may be received at a regular meeting only; and by unanimous consent of the Lodge the same may be received, reported upon, and the applicant balloted for and admitted to membership on one and the same evening.³

2089. May be withdrawn.—A proposition for membership may be withdrawn without the consent of the Lodge, at any time before the committee shall have reported thereon; with such consent at any time before ballot, but not subsequently. The admission fee shall be returned if the application is refused or withdrawn; but if the candidate shall be elected and fail to appear for admission within three months (except for cause adjudged sufficient), the election shall be void, and the deposit forfeited to the Lodge.⁴

2090. Rejection, notice, renewal.—When a candidate for membership by initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay by this Lodge to all Rebekah Lodges in the same place, the nearest neighboring Rebekah Lodges, and such rejected person cannot again be proposed in any Rebekah Lodge until six months have elapsed. A proposition for membership otherwise than by initiation may not be renewed in this Lodge for six months from date of rejection.⁵

2091. Degree, by what Lodge conferred.—This Lodge shall confer the Degree on those persons only who apply for membership therein. A person elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge must receive the Degree in the Lodge in which such person was elected. The right and duty of conferring this Degree cannot be transferred to another and different Lodge.

2092. Good standing in Subordinate Lodge essential, except.—In the case of brothers, membership in this Lodge is dependent on continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, except that if a brother shall take a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in his Rebekah Lodge

¹ Sec. 506, *supra*.

² S. J., 14675, 15019.

³ Sec. 507, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 508, *supra*.

⁵ Sec. 509, *supra*.

shall not be affected thereby for one year from the date of said withdrawal card, if during that time he shall keep his dues paid up in the Rebekah Lodge, and if he shall, during said year, become a member of another Lodge by deposit of said card, his membership in the Rebekah Lodge shall not be affected by the taking of the card. ¹

2093. The Degree to be conferred on the regularly elected and qualified.—This Lodge will confer the Degree of Rebekah on regularly elected, qualified applicants, and none others, as provided in this Constitution. ²

2094. Members in all jurisdictions must be white persons.—The word "white" referred to as a condition of membership in the Order of Odd Fellows in Section 2, Article XVI., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall apply to all persons, male or female, applying for membership in Rebekah Lodges. ³

Therefore a woman who is of mixed blood (Indian or Negro), although the wife of an Odd Fellow in good standing, is not eligible to membership. ⁴

2095. Good moral character and belief in a Supreme Being, though not specified as conditions of membership, in subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 6, of the Code, are prerequisites to membership, as much as under subdivision 3. Those conditions are "ancient landmarks" and are not repealed by Section 34. ⁵

2096. An Initiatory member of Subordinate Lodge is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge. ⁶

2097. Expelled Odd Fellows.—Neither an expelled Odd Fellow who once had the Rebekah Degree, nor his wife, if she has been expelled, though she may have had the Degree, is eligible to membership. ⁷

2098. Widows are eligible.—A widow—an unmarried woman—is entitled to be admitted to a Rebekah Lodge under the new Code. ⁸

2099. If by "Grass-widow" is meant one living apart from her husband, he being alive, she is not eligible to membership. ⁹

2100. Marriage does not forfeit membership.—An unmarried daughter of an Odd Fellow after joining a Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah married a man not a member of the Order. Her dues are

¹ Sec. 511, *supra*.

² Ill. C. R. L., Art. III, Sec. 14; Secs. 499–512, *supra*, inclusive.

³ R. C., Sec. 6, Clause 4; Sec. 429, *supra*.

⁴ S. J., 14240, 14525, 14570.

⁵ S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

⁸ S. J., 14239, 14487, 14570.

⁹ S. J., 14676, 15019.

paid, and since her marriage she has been elected to office. In such a case, she does not, by her marriage, forfeit her membership, and it can in no way affect her standing in the Lodge. ¹

2101. Husband and wife former members.—The wife and husband both of whom once belonged to a Rebekah Lodge, but took withdrawal cards, now out of date, can join a Rebekah Lodge. ²

2102. Conflict of jurisdiction.—The degree of Rebekah may be conferred upon the wife of a brother who belongs to another jurisdiction than that of the conferring Lodge, upon proper certificates. ³

2103. A suspended Rebekah, after marrying a non-Odd Fellow, may be reinstated in a Rebekah Lodge. ⁴

2104. Suspension for non-payment of dues, its effect.—A brother or sister who has been suspended from a Rebekah Degree Lodge for non-payment of dues, cannot become a member of another Rebekah Degree Lodge without first securing a dismissal certificate or being reinstated and receiving a withdrawal card from the Lodge in which he or she was suspended; and they cannot become charter members of a Lodge without first obtaining such card. ⁵

2105. Premature election.—A sister is not legally elected who, belonging to a Lodge from which she has asked a withdrawal card, makes application and is elected the day before the card is issued and deposited with the Lodge; *provided* she has not received from her Lodge a visiting card and petitioned for membership thereon. ⁶

2106. Elected under dispensation; charter refused, ineligible.—Where a Subordinate Lodge being instituted and acting under dispensation, elects a brother to membership, and he and his wife apply for membership in a Rebekah Lodge, and before the Lodge acts upon the report of the Committee the Grand Lodge meets and refuses a charter to the Subordinate Lodge, and said Lodge appeals to the S. G. L. from the action of the G. L., in refusing the charter, the Rebekah Lodge cannot act upon the report of the committee, nor can it elect and receive his wife into membership. ⁷

2107. Holder of dismissal certificate may apply to another Lodge.—Section 24 of the Rebekah Code does not prevent a brother who has asked to be reinstated in his Rebekah Lodge and has been refused, and who has demanded and received a dismissal certificate, and paid the price required by Section 26, from applying upon that certificate to another Rebekah Lodge for membership immediately; he need not wait six months. ⁸

¹ S. J., 10712, 10964, 11022.

² S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 10252, 10519, 10658.

⁴ S. J., 14239, 14487, 14570.

⁵ S. J., 11094, 11364, 11395.

⁶ S. J., 14673, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14673, 14949, 15067.

⁸ S. J., 14673, 14949, 15019.

2108. A woman divorced absolutely from her husband is an unmarried woman and eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge. ¹

2109. Rules to apply alike to brothers and sisters.—A sister in a Rebekah Lodge shall not lose her membership by the operation of any rule not alike applicable to brothers. ²

2110. If an applicant has never received the degree, she being married and her husband not an Odd Fellow, she is not eligible to membership. ³

2111. Decoration of chivalry.—A lady to receive the decoration of chivalry must be a member of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing, or the wife of a chevalier in good standing, recommended to the Department Council by the Lodge of which she is a member, or the Canton to which he belongs, and possess "womanly traits, general loveliness and beauty of character" and approved by the Department Council. ⁴

2112. Suspended members who have had the Rebekah Degree are eligible to membership upon a card or certificate to a Rebekah Lodge, *provided* Section 10 of the Rebekah Code is complied with. ⁵

2113. The wife of a suspended member, if she has never had the degree, is ineligible until her husband regains full membership. ⁶

2114. Members of defunct Lodge.—If the Subordinate Lodge to which a brother belongs has become defunct, and both he and his wife have received the degree, the wife is eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge, upon production of proof of being in possession of the degree; the husband is eligible when he becomes a member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge. ⁷

2115. Terms of reinstatement.—Rebekah Lodges may provide in their By-Laws the terms of reinstatement. ⁸

2116. Reinstatement.—A member dropped for non-payment of dues from membership in this Lodge may, upon the payment of such fees as the By-Laws shall provide, not less than one year's dues, be reinstated upon application made in writing in the regular form, which shall be treated in all respects like a proposition for membership as hereinbefore provided, except that a majority vote shall be necessary to elect. Such dropped member if free from charges may, upon payment of fees, take a dismissal certificate in the first instance or after being denied reinstatement. ⁹

¹ S. J., 14675, 14975, 15019.

² Ill. C. R. L., Art. VIII, Sec. 26; R. C., Sec. 8.

³ S. J., 14675, 15019.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ S. J., 14676, 15002.

⁶ S. J., 14676, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 14676, 14949, 15067.

⁸ S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

⁹ Sec. 560, *supra*.

2117. A member expelled by this Lodge may apply in writing for reinstatement. The application shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall ascertain whether the applicant has made such reformation or apology as is appropriate, and shall report to the Lodge. After reception of the report, the Lodge shall ballot on the application. If two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of reinstatement the Secretary shall write to the Grand Master for permission to reinstate such member, and if it be granted, reinstatement shall thereby be accomplished. No expelled member shall be reinstated without the payment of the same fee that is required to initiate.¹

2118. Notice of reinstatement to be given.—When a suspended or expelled member shall be reinstated, either by expiration of sentence or action of the Grand Lodge, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary and all Rebekah Lodges in the same place and nearest neighboring Rebekah Lodges.²

OFFICES AND OFFICERS. ELIGIBILITY. ELECTION AND DUTIES.

SECTION 2119.—Members in good standing, eligible.

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2119. Any member in good standing in this Lodge is eligible to election or appointment to any office in this Lodge, except the offices of Noble Grand and Vice Grand. To be eligible to the office of Vice Grand, a member must have served a term in some elective or appointed office in a Rebekah Lodge other than that of Trustee; and to be eligible to the office of Noble Grand, a member must have served a term in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Lodge. But in case of vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand of this Lodge, if all qualified members refuse to accept such vacant office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto, provided that a dispensation for the purpose be obtained before any such officer so elected can be installed, or can act as such officer.³

¹ Sec. 556, *supra*.

² Ill. R. Const., Art. IX, Secs. 3,

³ Ill. C. R. L., Art. VI, Sec. 1; Sec. 526, *supra*.

562, *supra*.

2120. Service in office in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be a qualification for office in this Lodge, and a past officer in a Subordinate Lodge shall not be entitled, by reason thereof, to any special privileges in this Lodge, other than wearing the collar of the highest rank attained. ¹

2121. Nominations for elective offices shall be made at the regular meeting immediately preceding that of the election; and on the night of election, nominations for the office of Noble Grand shall be opened; and after the election of that officer, nominations for the office of Vice Grand shall be opened; and after the election of that officer, nominations shall be opened for each additional elective office, in like manner as for offices of Noble Grand and Vice Grand, just preceding the respective ballots for the respective office. ²

2122. Time of elections.—The elective officers (except the Treasurer and Financial Secretary) shall be chosen at the last regular meetings in June and December, and shall hold their respective offices for six months and until their successors shall have been installed. They shall be installed at the first meetings in July and January. The Treasurer and Financial Secretary (if there be one) shall be elected in December and shall be installed at the first meeting in January, and both shall serve one year. If a public installation of officers be had, it may be at any other time than that specified above, but not prior to the first meetings in January and July. ³

2123. The election of officers shall be by ballot, except in cases where there is but one candidate for an office, when the election may be by acclamation. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to election. Ballots for persons not properly in nomination shall be considered blanks, and blanks shall be counted as votes. When there are several candidates and there is no choice, at each successive balloting the name of the candidate having the smallest number of votes in the preceding ballot shall be dropped from the nomination. ⁴

2124. The officers of this Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary (if necessary), and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Lodge; a Warden, Conductor, an Inside Guardian, an Outside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of the Noble Grand, and a Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand; and Right and Left Supporters of the Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand. ⁵

2125. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to preside in the Lodge, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and laws; to see that all the officers of the Lodge and members of com-

¹ Ill. C. R. L., Art. IV, Sec. 10; Sec. 522, *supra*.

² Sec. 527, *supra*.

³ Sec. 528, *supra*.

⁴ Ill. C. R. L., Art. VI, Sec. 4; Sec. 529, *supra*.

⁵ Sec. 513, *supra*.

mittees perform their respective duties; to appoint all officers, except the Supporters of the Vice Grand; to appoint a majority of all committees not otherwise provided for; to give the casting vote only on all matters or questions before the Lodge, except that the Noble Grand shall be entitled to vote in all ballots. The Noble Grand shall inspect and announce the result of all votes of the Lodge, have charge of the Charter, which must always be in the Lodge room, while the Lodge is in session; draw upon the Treasurer for all sums that have been voted by the Lodge, and none other; shall convene special sessions, as directed in Article 1, Section 3, of this Constitution, and perform such other duties as appertain to that office. The Noble Grand shall not make or second any motion, nor take part in any debate while in the chair. ¹

2126. The Vice Grand shall assist the Noble Grand in presiding in the Lodge, and shall appoint her (or his) own Supporters and the minority of all committees not otherwise provided for. The Vice Grand shall have special charge of the inner door, and perform all duties appertaining to said office of Vice Grand, and in the absence of the Noble Grand shall preside and perform the duties of that office. ²

2127. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge, write all communications, fill up all certificates and cards, issue all summonses or notices required, attest to all moneys ordered paid at regular meetings, and none other, and perform such other duties appertaining to the office as may be required by the Lodge, and be exempt from all dues and assessments, and shall receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to election. The Secretary shall make out at the end of the term the semi-annual report, as required by Article XII, Section 2, of this Constitution, and accurately record the same and the annual report in the register of reports. The Secretary shall also at the close of the term, make out a report for the Lodge, showing fully its work and condition during the term; shall perform the duties of the Financial Secretary, and shall give bond in the same manner as hereinafter prescribed for Financial Secretary, if none be chosen, and shall also keep a list of all warrants drawn on the Treasurer, recording the date, amount, and name of person in whose favor drawn; and if the warrant be payable from any special fund, that fact shall appear both on the warrant and in the list; and shall also keep a register of membership, enrolling the names of members of the Lodge, with date of proposal, initiation, signing of the Constitution upon admission by card, certificate, or reinstatement after expulsion, also with date of resignation, withdrawal by card, death, suspension, reinstatement or expulsion; and shall also record the attainment or official rank. ³

¹ Sec. 514, *supra*.

² Sec. 515, *supra*.

³ Sec. 516, *supra*.

2128. The Financial Secretary (if any) shall be chosen annually at the election in December, and prior to installation in office give a joint and several bond to the Trustees of the Lodge, with two sureties to be approved by the Lodge, with such penalties and conditions as may be prescribed by the Lodge; such bond before being presented to the Lodge must be approved by a majority of the Trustees. It shall be this officer's duty to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members; pay over to the Treasurer immediately all moneys received; and to inform the Treasurer from time to time, and at the last payment in each term, how much of the money paid into the treasury belongs to any special fund of the Lodge; and shall notify all members who are at any time in arrears for eleven months' dues (delivering the notice in person, if practicable, but if not, then mailing it to the member's last known address), and at the expiration of the next succeeding month, if said member's account is not settled, in whole or in part, sufficiently to reduce the arrears to less than one full year's dues, shall present the name of such member to the Lodge. The Financial Secretary prior to the last meeting in March, June, September, and December, respectively, shall notify all members who are in arrears for one quarter's dues, and at the close of each semi-annual term, shall make to the Lodge a detailed report of the business of the office, and have the books written up for the Finance Committee; and meet said committee prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term, to exhibit the books and papers, and to aid them in the examination thereof; and at the first regular meeting of the new term, present the report to the Lodge, with the statement of the balance of account of each unsuspended member; and shall make out the annual report to the Grand Lodge, as required by Article XII, Section 2, and shall deliver it to the Secretary for record and forwarding to the Grand Lodge; and shall be exempt from all dues, and shall receive such further compensation as the Lodge may have fixed prior to election.¹

2129. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall be elected annually at the election in December; and, prior to installation in office, shall give a joint and several bond to the Trustees of the Lodge, with two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge, with such penalties and conditions as, from time to time, may be prescribed by the Lodge. Such bond, before being presented to the Lodge, must have been submitted to and approved by a majority of the Trustees. The Treasurer shall keep the funds, notes, and securities of the Lodge, pay all the orders drawn on the Treasurer by the Noble Grand and attested by the Secretary, and none others; keep a full account of all moneys expended, and give the Lodge, at the first meeting in each month, a statement of its funds; shall keep a separate account of any special fund instituted by the Lodge, and report to the Financial Secretary, at or before the last meeting in each term, any money

¹ Sec. 517, *supra*.

received as interest or dividends on any notes, securities, or stocks held. The Treasurer shall make out for the Lodge, at the close of the term, a full report of receipts and disbursements, and have the books written up for the Finance Committee; meet said committee prior to the first meeting in the next succeeding term, to exhibit the books, papers, securities, bonds, funds, and other property belonging to the Lodge in possession of the Treasurer; and at the first regular meeting of the next term shall present the report to the Lodge. The Treasurer shall pay over and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, bonds, papers, and other property in said officer's possession or control, belonging to the Lodge, to her (or his) successor in office, or to such person as the Lodge may appoint to receive the same.¹

2130. Past Noble Grand.—It shall be the duty of the Junior Past Noble Grand of this Lodge to act in the capacity of Past Grand, but during the first term of a new Lodge the charge of that office may be delivered by any competent member. Any Past Noble Grand may act as Noble Grand or Vice Grand when legally called upon to do so.²

2131. Other officers.—All other officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed for them by the charges of their respective offices, and the requirements of the laws and regulations of this Lodge.³

2132. If any officer shall be absent for three successive meetings, except for sickness or unavoidable absence, the office shall be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge, if an elective officer; but by the officer who appointed, if an appointed officer. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the former selection to serve the residue of the term.⁴

2133. All elective officers shall commit their charges to memory before they are installed in office, and all appointed officers shall commit their charges within one month after installation.⁵

2134. Lodge recommends.—This Lodge shall, at the first meeting in December, or at the first meeting thereafter, by election duly had, recommend a Past Noble Grand, who shall be a member of this Lodge, or in case there is no Past Noble Grand, a Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, who is also a member of this Lodge, to be appointed by the Grand Master to be his Deputy for this Lodge.⁶

¹ Sec. 518, *supra*.

² Sec. 519, *supra*.

³ Ill. C. R. L., Art. IV, Sec. 8; Sec. 520, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 530, *supra*.

⁵ Ill. C. R. L., Art. VI, Sec. 6; Sec.

531, *supra*.

⁶ Ill. C. R. L., Art. VI, Sec. 7; Sec. 532, *supra*.

2135. Officers must serve a majority of the meetings held in the term and to the end of the term, in order to be entitled to the honors of office. Officers elected to fill vacancies and serving to the end of the term, shall be entitled to the honors of said office. ¹

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 2136.—Standing Committees enumerated.

“ 2137.—Five trustees, their term of office, duties and report.

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“ 2140.—Finance Committee and Visiting and Relief Committee to be appointed on installation.

“ 2141.—Sickness or distress, duties of Visiting and Relief Committee.

“ 2142.—Deaths, funerals.

2136. Standing committees enumerated.—The standing committees of this Lodge shall be: A Committee of Trustees; a Visiting and Relief Committee; a Finance Committee, and such other committees as may be created by the By-Laws. ²

2137. Five Trustees shall annually be chosen by ballot at the regular election in December, and a plurality of votes shall elect. The term of office of Trustees shall begin January first following their election, after having qualified as herein below provided, and the Trustees shall hold their office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified by filing certificates of election as herein provided. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary, within one week after said election, to file with the County Recorder of the county wherein such Lodge is located, a certificate under seal of the Lodge, of the election of said Trustees, such certificate setting forth also that the term of office of said Trustees begins on January first following. Failure to so file said certificate shall not vacate the office, but said Trustees elected shall have power to act as such as soon as such certificate is filed. It shall be the duty of the said newly-elected Trustees, when qualified as above, to approve the bonds of the newly-elected officers; also to act as an Executive Committee of the Lodge in carrying out all acts not otherwise provided for; to procure Lodge room, fuel, lights, regalia, and all things necessary for the comfort of the Lodge, under its directions. They shall have the guardianship of all widows and orphans of the Lodge, and carry out all provisions of the Lodge in relation to them; and shall from time to time recommend such action as they may deem necessary for the prosperity of the Lodge. They shall present to the Lodge at the close of their term of office a written report of their proceedings. ³

¹ Ill. C. R. L., Art. IV, Sec. 9; Sec. 521, *supra*.

² Sec. 523, *supra*.

³ Sec. 524, *supra*.

2138. The Visiting and Relief Committee shall consist of seven sisters, the Noble Grand to be chairman, whose duties shall be to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and in every way assist Subordinate and Sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble or want. They shall keep themselves at all times informed thereon, and shall report the condition of those who may be sick, in distress, in trouble or in want. Only the sisters of this Lodge shall be required to watch with the sick, etc., whenever notified so to do by the Secretary or Visiting Committee. Service shall be by regular turn. *Provided*, that in cities or towns having more than two Lodges, the Relief Committees of the different Lodges may, if they see fit, appoint one of their number to act with a like number from the other Lodges in the town or city as a special Visiting Committee, whose duties shall be the care of traveling or sojourning brothers and sisters who may be sick or disabled in the town or city where such Lodges are situated. Should a member of this or any other Rebekah Lodge be sick or in distress, it shall be the duty of any other member of this Lodge, knowing the fact, to report the case promptly to the Visiting Committee.¹

2139. The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the Noble Grand on the night of and immediately after installation. They shall audit and inspect the accounts, books, securities, bonds, funds and other properties in the hands of the Treasurer, and the books and reports of the Secretaries and of other officers and committees charged with the receipt and expenditure of money. For this purpose they shall fix a time and place to meet the Secretary and Treasurer after the last regular meeting in the next term. They shall also examine all other financial matters referred to them, and report thereon to the Lodge as soon as practicable. Neither the Noble Grand, the Vice Grand, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Financial Secretary, nor any member of the Board of Trustees, shall be a member of the Finance Committee.²

2140. When appointed.—The Finance Committee and the Visiting and Relief Committee shall be appointed immediately after installation, as provided by the Constitution.³

2141. Sickness or distress, duty of Visiting Committee.—Should a member be sick or in distress, it shall be the duty of any other member knowing the fact to report the case promptly to the Visiting Committee.⁴

2142. Funerals.—Upon the death of an unsuspended member of this Lodge, or of a traveling member entitled to burial by the

¹ Sec. 525, *supra*.

² Ill. C. R. L., Art. V, Sec. 4; Sec. 525 a, *supra*.

³ Sec. 593, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 594, *supra*.

Order, deceased near this Lodge, the Noble Grand shall solicit the permission of the family of the deceased to conduct the funeral according to the custom of the Order; and upon obtaining their consent, shall, in concert with the Visiting Committee, take charge of the funeral, or co-operate with the friends or family in making arrangements; and she or he shall cause the Secretary to notify the members of the Lodge to assemble and attend the funeral. ¹

TRIALS—OFFENSES AGAINST I. O. O. F.

SECTION 2143.—Violation of laws of the Order.

- " 2144.—Complaint by member of Lodge.
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2143. Trials—Violation of laws of the Order.—If any member of this Lodge shall be found guilty of conduct contrary to the laws of the Order, or in violation of its principles, as set forth in its lectures, charges and obligations, or shall be found guilty of any dishonest or immoral act or practice, injurious to himself or herself, his or her family, or to society, or by which the Order may be scandalized, said member shall be subjected to such penalty as the laws of the jurisdiction or the discretion of the Lodge may prescribe. ²

2144. Complaint by member of Lodge.—If any member of this Lodge shall have reason to believe that any other has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, as shown in the preceding section, it shall be such member's duty immediately to give notice of such violation or offense, in writing, to the Noble Grand. The Noble Grand shall forthwith refer a copy of such written communication (concealing the name of the informant) to a special com-

¹ Sec. 595, *supra*.

² Sec. 536, *supra*.

mittee of three members, which committee shall proceed, without delay, to investigate the matter therein stated; and if, in their opinion, there is just ground therefor, as early as practicable, prefer a charge or charges against the member so accused, specifying therein the particular matter of offense which is charged; and the committee shall have charge of the prosecution on the part of the Lodge. ¹

2145. Complaint by member of other R. Lodges.—Any member of this Lodge, or any Rebekah Lodge in this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, whose good standing is certified to at the time, may prefer an open complaint or information in writing in this Lodge against any of its members, and such complaint shall be treated, in all respects, as provided in Section 2144 of this Code; except that the complaint shall be read in open Lodge and the committee thereon openly appointed. ²

2146. Change of venue by accused or three members of the Lodge.—If, at any time before passing upon the objected evidence by the N. G., the accused or three members of the Lodge in which charges may be preferred against a member are of the opinion that the accused will not receive an impartial trial at the hands of the Lodge, and present such an opinion in writing, such paper, together with such evidence as may be desired bearing upon the question of prejudice in the Lodge, shall be forwarded to the Grand Master, and if he orders the case changed to another Lodge, then, when the register of written evidence is reported by the Commissioner, the case shall be removed to the named Lodge. A copy of the record of all proceedings up to the time of removal shall be sent to the Lodge to which removal is made, with the original papers of the case and a transcript of all letters relating thereto; the Noble Grand and such Lodge shall proceed to the hearing, scrutiny and decision as if the accusation had been first therein preferred. The Lodge from which the venue is changed shall pay all necessary expenses incurred in such trial by the Lodge to which the venue is changed. ³

2147. Change of venue by prosecution.—Change of venue may be made on behalf of the prosecution as well as on behalf of the accused, or by any three members. It may be asked in cases of charges of official misconduct. ⁴

Upon such removal the prosecuting committee, or some advocate appointed by the Noble Grand of the removing Lodge, may present the case, and the accused may appear personally or by attorney, as if no such removal had taken place. ⁵

¹ Ill. C. R. L., Sec. 537, *supra*. See Secs. 1853 a, 1853 b, 1871, 1884, *supra*, for forms and procedure.

² Ill. C. R. L., Art. VIII, Sec. 5; Sec. 538, *supra*.

³ Sec. 553, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 554, *supra*.

⁵ Sec. 555, *supra*.

2148. Depositions.—If any member of the Order or other person cannot attend the taking of testimony before the Commissioner as a witness on either side, such testimony may be taken in the manner herein provided, to-wit: The party desiring the testimony of such witness shall file with the Commissioner written interrogatories, to be propounded to the witness; the opposite party shall then be privileged to prepare and file with the Commissioner counter-interrogatories to be propounded to said witness; a copy of said interrogatories and counter-interrogatories, shall be forwarded by the Noble Grand and Secretary under seal of the Lodge to the Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge nearest to said witness, which Noble Grand shall, after first obligating said witness, cause said witness to answer each of said interrogatories and counter-interrogatories, and said witness shall subscribe her (or his) name to said deposition, and the Noble Grand taking the same shall certify that the answers have been correctly written and that the witness was first duly obligated. The Noble Grand shall then return said deposition to the Secretary of this Lodge, who shall deliver the same to the Commissioner. This deposition shall be subject to all objections as though the witness had personally appeared before the Commissioner.¹

2149. Return of record of decision.—When the matter has been determined, a copy of the record of the proceedings had thereon, with the register of the evidence, shall be returned to the removing Lodge; and the same shall be filed in its archives, and the judgment entered upon its records. An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be had in case of a removed trial as in other cases.²

2150. Refusal of witness.—If any member of the Order who shall have been duly notified to appear and give evidence, or appearing, shall refuse to answer questions as a witness, such member shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and the Lodge may proceed to expel said member for contempt.³

2151. Procedure upon the charges.—Whenever a charge or charges are preferred against a member, they shall be read in open Lodge, at a regular meeting. The Secretary shall immediately furnish a copy thereof, under seal of the Lodge, to the member so accused, and at the same time cite said member to appear before the Lodge at the next regular meeting thereafter, plead guilty or not guilty to each charge and specification; and if the plea is not guilty, then the Noble Grand shall appoint a competent member of the Lodge as a commissioner or committee of one to take evidence, both for the Lodge and the accused, in deposition form, by writing down both the questions and answers in full; and that the said commissioner to take evidence shall be first obligated by the Noble Grand to

¹ Sec. 556, *supra*.

² Sec. 557, *supra*.

³ Sec. 558, *supra*.

perform such duty, and shall be authorized to obligate witnesses who may be members of the Order, and cause such witnesses who may not be members of the Order to be obligated by a proper officer authorized to administer oaths. Said commissioner shall have power to pass upon the competency of evidence, and if objections are made to the ruling of the commissioner, said objections shall be noted together with the question and answer in deposition. If the accused appears when cited and pleads not guilty, the case shall be continued two weeks from the night the citation is returnable, to give each side an opportunity to have the Secretary cite their witnesses to appear before the commissioner. The commissioner shall have power to continue the taking of said evidence from day to day, and when the evidence is all taken, said commissioner shall make a certified report of the same to the Noble Grand. After the receipt of the commissioner's report, the Noble Grand shall notify, in writing, the committee having the prosecution in charge, and the accused, or attorney for the accused, of the time (not more than seven days from the receipt of said report) and place where the Noble Grand will hear both the prosecution and defense upon the evidence to which objections were made before the commissioner; and, after hearing the parties in interest, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to rule as to whether the evidence to which objections were made before the commissioner shall be read before the Lodge, and such ruling shall be final, and, for that purpose, the Noble Grand shall mark upon the deposition at the place where the objected evidence may appear either the words, "Don't Read," or "Read," as the case may be; and all the evidence shall be read to the Lodge except that marked by the Noble Grand "Don't Read."¹

2152. Service.—If the Secretary is unable personally to serve a copy of the charges and citations on an accused member, by reason of permanent absence, concealment or incarceration, a copy of the citations and charges left at the accused's usual or last known place of abode, or deposited in the mail so directed, shall be deemed a legal notice or citation; and the Lodge may proceed with the trial as if the accused were present. The Noble Grand shall appoint counsel to defend accused if none appear.²

2153. Decision.—The Lodge at said second regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as the register of the evidence shall be reported by the Noble Grand, shall listen to the reading of the evidence as taken by the commissioner, both for the Lodge and the accused. The accused shall be heard in his or her own behalf in person or by counsel, and the committee appointed to prosecute on behalf of the Lodge shall have the right to also address the Lodge. The Lodge shall then proceed to vote upon the charge or charges preferred; but no member shall be entitled to vote unless present during the reading

¹ Sec. 539 *supra*; see form Sec. 1882, *supra*.

² Sec. 540 *supra*; for forms for returns see Sec. 1886, *supra*, Appendix.

of the whole testimony and of the arguments thereon. If the charges be sustained, in whole or in part, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present entitled to vote on the question, the accused shall retire to the ante-room. ¹

2154. Penalties.—The Secretary shall then read to the Lodge the charge or charges, or parts thereof, that have been sustained, when the Noble Grand, without motion, shall proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment, expulsion; and if that be not agreed upon, shall put the next, suspension; and shall so proceed until some order of punishment is agreed upon by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. One penalty only shall be inflicted as the result of one trial. ²

2155. Suspension, other penalties.—Whenever the Lodge shall determine upon suspension, a motion may be made to fix the time, and two amendments may be offered thereto, which shall be decided without debate. The Noble Grand shall put them to vote, commencing with the longest period of time therein named, and if all of them be rejected, a second motion may be made and two amendments permitted thereto, which shall be put to vote in a like manner, and the Lodge shall so proceed until some period of suspension is agreed upon. But suspension of membership shall work no suspension of dues and arrearages, but they shall run on during suspension. If the Lodge shall decide to punish by fine, the same course shall be adopted in determining the amount thereof as is above provided in fixing the time of suspension; and in either case, of fixing the time of suspension or amount of fine, the majority of members present shall decide the period of time or amount. But no suspension shall be for a shorter time than to cover the date of the next regular meeting of the Lodge, nor longer than one year. ³

2156. Misconduct confessed.—When the misconduct is confessed by the accused brother or sister, the Lodge to which such case is referred may proceed to vote upon the punishment without the formula of a trial. ⁴

2157. Legal penalties.—The only legal penalties for misconduct are fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion. Fine is not allowed as a penalty for violation of the principles of the Order. ⁵

2158. Penalty for intoxication.—The penalty for intoxication is reprimand for the first offense, suspension for the second, and expulsion for the third; and no other penalties are legal. ⁶

¹ Sec. 541, *supra*; see Sec. 1933, *supra*, and foot note.

² *Id.*

³ Sec. 542, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 543, *supra*.

⁵ Secs. 544, 1946 a, *supra*.

⁶ Secs. 545, 1946 a, *supra*.

2159. Definite penalty.—When a definite penalty is fixed by law for an offense, a brother or sister convicted thereof is sentenced without further vote. ¹

2160. If alternatives are fixed, the Lodge chooses one of them by vote. ²

2161. Contempt.—If any accused member shall evade the receiving of a citation, or, having received the same, shall neglect or refuse to attend the Lodge at the time therein fixed, and there remain throughout the investigation or trial of the case, the Lodge may proceed in such absence to expel such accused member for contempt. ³

2162. Procedure.—At all stages of the proceedings the accused shall have all opportunity of vindication, and in case of suspension or expulsion, following the constructive citations provided for in Section 2152, *supra*, of this article, or in case of alleged contempt, the accused shall be entitled to a new trial at any time within six months, if it be shown that the absence was produced by unavoidable circumstances, or that injustice was done. ⁴

2163. Appeals.—Any three members, or the accused, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge in a trial, shall be entitled to an appeal to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals and then to the Grand Lodge, which appeal must be entered according to the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge on the matter of appeals; and on command of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals or of the Grand Lodge, the brother or sister may be tried anew for the same offense. ⁵

2164. Notice of suspension or expulsion.—Any brother or sister having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary and to all the Rebekah Lodges in the same place, and nearest neighboring Rebekah Lodges; and a brother or a sister who has been legally expelled shall not be admitted to membership again without consent of the Grand Lodge. ⁶

2165. False accusation.—If any member of the Lodge shall make to the Noble Grand any accusation against a brother or a sister under Section 2144, *supra*, which shall be proved to be without reasonable grounds, or false and malicious, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to deliver up the name of the informant to the Lodge on demand of a majority of the members thereof present. ⁷

¹ Sec. 546, *supra*.

² *Id.*

³ Sec. 547, *supra*.

⁴ Sec. 548, *supra*.

⁵ Ill. C. R. L., Art. VIII, Sec. 16.

Sec. 549, *supra*.

⁶ Sec. 550, *infra*.

⁷ Sec. 551, *supra*; Ill. C. R. L., Art. VIII, Sec. 18.

2166. Black-book.—This Lodge shall have a black-book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected, suspended or expelled by this Lodge, or any other Lodge, of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of such suspension or expulsion.¹

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

SECTION 2167.—Regalia.

- " 2168.—Jewels.
- " 2169.—Sisters' Regalia.
- " 2170.—Additional robes allowable.
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- " 2173.—Badge for funeral service.
- " 2174.—Costumes cannot be used in public.
- " 2175.—Photographs of staff in costume prohibited.

2167. (1.) Regalia.—The brethren, other than officers, shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. The sisters shall wear regalia and jewels as follows:

(2.) **For the Noble Grand**, the regalia shall be a collar not exceeding three inches in width, with pink center and green edges, to be trimmed with silver lace and fringe.

(3.) **For the Vice Grand**, a collar, same width, with green center and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace and fringe.

(4.) **For the Secretary**, a collar, with pink center and green edges, trimmed with silver lace.

(5.) **The Financial Secretary** shall wear the same regalia as the Secretary, and a jewel the same as that of the Secretary, except that the word Deborah shall be omitted.

(6.) **For the Treasurer**, a collar with green center and pink edges, trimmed with silver lace.

(7.) **For the Warden**, a baldrick, not exceeding three and one-half inches in width, to be of pink and green, the upper side to be green and the lower side pink, with a row of silver lace on each edge and through the center, the lowest edge to be trimmed with silver lace.

(8.) **For the Conductor**, a baldrick, same width as the Warden's, with one row of silver lace around the inner edge; the upper side to be green and the lower side of pink.

(9.) **For the Inside Guardian**, the same as Warden.

¹ Sec. 552, *supra*; Ill. C. R. L., Art. VIII, Sec. 19. See also Chapter VIII, *supra*.

(10.) **For the Outside Guardian**, the same as Conductor, except that the row of silver lace shall be on the outside, and none in the center.

(11.) **For the Chaplain**, white baldrick, with silver lace on each edge; the front to be ornamented with pink roses and green leaves.

(12.) **For the Supporters of Noble Grand**, baldrick, pink center and green edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

(13.) **For the Supporters of Vice Grand**, baldrick, green center and pink edges, trimmed with two rows of silver lace.

(14.) **For the Past Noble Grand**, (sister) collar same as Noble Grand, except that the lace and fringe shall be gold, instead of silver.

(15.) **For the lady members**, other than officers, a badge of pink and green ribbon, or a collar of pink and green, neither of which shall be more than three inches in width.

(16.) **Embroidery**.—And in addition to above-described regalia may be added such embroidery as will be in keeping with this degree.¹

2168. (17.) **Jewels**.—**For the Noble Grand**, a silver or silver-plated circle, one and a half inches in diameter, with a representation or figure of "Rebekah at the Well" engraved or stamped thereon on one side; the other side plain, and underneath the figure of Rebekah the word "Fidelity."

(18.) **For the Vice Grand**, the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of Ruth and Naomi, and underneath the figures, the word "Industry."

(19.) **For the Secretary**, the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a pen, and underneath it the word "Deborah."

(20.) **For the Treasurer**, the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a key, and underneath it the word "Trust."

(21.) **For the Warden**, the same in form and size, with the representation or figure of a cross (a bar and axe), and underneath it the word "Hope."

(22.) **For the Conductor**, the same in form and size, with the representation or figure of two wands, and underneath it the word "Safety."

¹ Sec. 533, *supra*.

(23.) **For the Inside Guardian**, the same in form and size, with a representation or figure of a shield crossed by a spear, and underneath it the word "Prove."

(24.) **For the Outside Guardian**, the same in form and size, and similar design, and underneath it the word "Vigilance."

(25.) **For the Past Noble Grand**, a jewel of white metal, to be a five-pointed star. ¹

2169. Sisters' regalia.—Lady members, other than the officers of a Rebekah Assembly, may wear the badge prescribed in Section 25, R. Code. ² The regalia prescribed for Rebekahs cannot be dispensed with in Rebekah Assemblies, and a pin badge substituted in its place. ³

2170. Additional robes.—There is nothing prohibiting additional robes to those prescribed in the Ritual, but others cannot be substituted in place of those prescribed. ⁴

2171. The Rebekah Veteran Jewel.—Any sister, member of the Degree of Rebekah, who has been a member in good standing, of a Rebekah Degree Lodge for fifteen consecutive years, shall be entitled to wear a jewel, to be designated "the Rebekah Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F." It is designed and furnished by the Grand Secretary and Committee on Printing Supplies of the S. G. L. ⁵

2172. Officers to wear regalia.—In a Rebekah Lodge, the regalia must be worn by the officers, if possible. It is no sufficient excuse for omitting to do so that it is locked up in the wardrobe. ⁶

2173. Badge for funeral service.—Each member must wear the funeral rosette on the left shoulder, and their dresses should be of as uniform color as convenient. This rosette should be made of black crape with a center of the colors of the Degree of Rebekah, pink and green. ⁷

2174. A Rebekah Lodge cannot legally use the costumes pertaining to the degree in giving a public exhibition. ⁸

2175. Photographs.—A Rebekah Lodge cannot legally have photographs of the staff taken in the robes and costumes used in conferring the degree, and place them on sale to Odd Fellows. ⁹

¹ Ill. C. R. L., Art. VII, Sec. 533, *supra*.

² S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570.

⁴ S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

⁵ S. J., 12701.

⁶ S. J., 14674, 15019.

⁷ S. J., 10983, 11026, 11031, 11037.

⁸ S. J., 14676, 15019.

⁹ S. J., 14676, 15019; Decoration of Chivalry, see Sec. 2111, *supra*.

CARDS, DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES AND RESIGNATIONS.

SECTION 2176.—Generally.

“ 2177.—Withdrawal card.

“ 2178.—Dismissal certificate.

“ 2179.—Visiting cards, etc.

“ 2180.—Official visiting certificate prescribed by S. G. L., in form.

“ 2181.—Rebekah visiting card, in form.

“ 2182.—Rebekah withdrawal card, in form.

“ 2183.—Rebekah dismissal certificate, in form.

“ 2184.—Grand Secretary of S. G. L. must supply these cards and certificates in blank.

“ 2185.—Dismissal certificates as matter of right.

2176. Generally.—A member of this Lodge may end membership therein by taking a withdrawal card or a dismissal certificate, and a sister may end her membership in this Lodge and in the Order also by presenting a written resignation of membership. No resignation of membership or application for withdrawal card or dismissal certificate shall be entertained from anyone who is not clear on the books.

2177. A withdrawal card may be granted to any member by vote of a majority upon ballot at a regular meeting. Application therefor must be made by the member in person or in writing, and shall lie over until the next regular meeting for final action; except that when the applicant has left the vicinity of the Lodge, or it is his or her known purpose to leave before the next regular meeting, or to join in a petition for a new Lodge, the card may be granted without delay.

2178. Dismissal certificates shall be issued on the payment of one dollar.

2179. Visiting cards shall be granted upon request, upon the payment of the price of the card and the dues to the expiration thereof. No vote is necessary to grant a visiting card or a dismissal certificate. Should objections in either case be made for cause, the ground thereof shall be stated, and it shall suspend the issuing until after the investigation of said objections. The Lodge shall promptly investigate such objections, and if found to be sufficient by a majority vote of the members present, the card or certificate shall not be issued until the grounds of the objection be removed. If the objection is removed, or is found not to be sufficient, the card shall be issued immediately. A suspended member cannot take a card or dismissal certificate. Should the Lodge refuse to grant a withdrawal card, the member, if clear on the books, upon payment of fee, may take a dismissal certificate.¹

¹ Ill. C. R. L., Art. X, Secs., 1, 2, 3;
Secs. 563, 564, 565, *supra*.

2180.

OFFICIAL VISITING CERTIFICATE. ¹

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

This Certificate is the recognized evidence of good standing, when the holder desires to visit in another Jurisdiction, in lieu of a Visiting Card. This Certificate is universal throughout all the Jurisdictions on this Continent, and is to be used as the only legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges. The privilege of visiting in another Jurisdiction will be accorded the holder of this Certificate upon proving the genuineness of the signature in the margin, giving the proper password, and upon examination. Sick or funeral benefits or pecuniary aid are not demandable on this certificate.

Baltimore, Maryland.

Official:

J. FRANK GRANT, Grand Secretary.

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This certifies that.....has paid to....., No....., I. O. O. F. of the Jurisdiction of....., the sum of.....Dollars in full for all charges to....., 189....

[SEAL.]

.....N. G.
.....Secretary.

2181.

REBEKAH VISITING CARD.

Friendship, Love and Truth.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

This Certifies, that our well-beloved.....whose name is written on the margin of this Card in h..... own proper handwriting, is a member in good standing of.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F., located at.....and working under a Charter, duly granted by the Grand Lodge of..... We therefore recommend h.....to your friendship and protection, and admission into any regular Rebekah Lodge to which.....may apply within.....from this date, and no longer.

In Witness Whereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge, this.....day of.....in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety.....

L. S.

.....N. G.

R. L.

.....Secretary.

2182.

REBEKAH WITHDRAWAL CARD.

Friendship, Love and Truth.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

This certifies, that our well-beloved.....whose name is written on the margin of this Card in h..... own proper handwriting, was regularly admitted a member of our Lodge, by.....on the.....day of....., 18....., and has paid all demands against h..... up to this date, and is under no charge whatever. We therefore recommend h.....to your friendship and protection, and admission into any regular Rebekah Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to which.....may apply, within one year from the date hereof.

This Card is granted by.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., which

¹ See Secs. 1556 a, 1564, *supra*.

was duly instituted at....., on the.....day of....., 18....,
by authority of the Grand Lodge of.....

In Witness Whereof, we subscribe hereto our hands and affix the seal of our
Lodge, this.....day of.....in the year one thousand eight hundred
and ninety.....

L. S.

.....N. G.

R. L.

.....Secretary.

2183.

REBEKAH DISMISSAL CERTIFICATE.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern, Fraternally Greeting:

This Certifies, that.....was admitted to membership in
.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., at....., in
the jurisdiction of....., on the.....day of....., 18....,
and by....., and retained h.....membership in said Lodge until
the.....day of....., 18...., when was suspended for non-payment
of dues, and is entirely dismissed from membership in said Lodge.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed
the seal of the said Lodge, this.....day of....., A. D. 18....

[SEAL.]

.....N. G.
.....Secretary.

Friendship, Love and Truth.

NOTE. — After the name, the title, P. N. G., P. V. G., or whatever office the
brother or sister may have filled, must be added.

These forms are given for information; they are not forms that
may be copied and used, but are issued in blank, by the S. G. L.,
and must have its seal in order to be valid. ¹ The Grand Lodge also
furnishes a card direct to members of defunct Rebekah Lodges. ²

2184. Grand Secretary of S. G. L. must furnish. — Visiting
and withdrawal cards, dismissal and visiting certificates shall be pro-
vided by the Grand Secretary, for Rebekah Lodges, and shall be fur-
nished State Jurisdictions at the same prices as those for Subordinate
Lodges. ³

2185. Dismissal certificates as matter of right.—In a Rebe-
kah Lodge, no ballot is required in granting a dismissal certificate. ⁴
A member suspended for non-payment of dues, has the right to
demand a dismissal certificate on the payment of \$1.00 without first
applying for reinstatement. ⁵ Section 24, of the Rebekah Code, does
not prevent a brother who has asked to be reinstated in his Rebekah
Lodge, and has been refused, and who has demanded and received a
dismissal certificate and paid the price required by Section 26, ⁶ from
applying upon that certificate to another Rebekah Lodge for mem-
bership immediately. He need not wait six months. ⁷

¹ 1556 a, *supra*.

² See supplies, *infra*.

³ R. C., 26; S. J., 11359, 11722,
11770; Sec. 449, *supra*.

⁴ S. J., 14674, 15019.

⁵ S. J., 14674, 15019; Sec. 447, *supra*.

⁶ Sec. 449, *supra*.

⁷ S. J., 14673, 15019.

FEES, DUES, BENEFITS, FUNDS.

- SECTION 2186.**—Membership fees payable in advance.
 “ 2187.—Minimum fees.
 “ 2188.—Minimum dues.
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 “ 2197.—Cannot pay stated benefits.
 “ 2198.—Attentive benefits.
 “ 2199.—Lodge funds may not be expended for a banquet.

2186. Membership fees payable in advance.—No person shall be admitted to membership or reinstated in this Lodge, or receive a card, until payment is made of the amount required therefor by this Constitution or the By-Laws. When dues and assessments or fines stand charged upon account, the payments made shall apply to these in the order of their accruing.¹

2187. Minimum fees.—No person shall be admitted to membership in this Lodge for a less sum than is herein provided, viz.: by initiation, one dollar; by deposit of card or dismissal certificate, one dollar.

No member shall be reinstated after having been dropped for non-payment of dues for less sums than are herein provided.

2188. Minimum dues.—The regular contributions to the Lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than two cents a week, to be determined by the By-Laws.

2189. Additional contributions.—This Lodge may, by its By-Laws, require such further contributions, for a widows' and orphans' fund, an educational fund, or for any other fund suitable to the purpose of the Order, or for either or all of them, as the Lodge shall determine.

2190. The special funds of this Lodge shall be sacredly devoted to the purposes for which they may be raised, and the general funds shall be considered sacredly pledged to the relief of distressed members of the Order, the furnishing of the Lodge room, and such other necessary expenses as are and may be recognized and authorized by the laws of the Order; but this Lodge shall not pay stipulated weekly benefits.

2191. Disbursements.—This Lodge may pay and disburse from its funds, from time to time, as a majority of the members

¹ See Secs. 566-573, *supra*.

present at any stated meeting shall, by vote, determine, for any of the declared purposes of this degree.

2192. The stocks, securities, investments and funds of this Lodge shall not be transferred in whole or in part, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. The resolution therefor shall have been presented at least one meeting before final action. ¹

2193. Arrears, dropping.—Any member who shall become in arrears for dues accrued during the period of one full year, shall, after having been notified in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, be declared by the Noble Grand dropped from membership, unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct.

2194. Cannot vote if delinquent, when.—Any member who shall become in arrears for more than thirteen weeks' dues shall not be entitled to vote. ²

2195. The fee for reinstatement after expulsion shall be the same as charged for initiation. ³

2196. Right to inflict penalty for non-payment of dues.—A clause in a Rebekah Constitution depriving a member six months in arrears for dues, from holding office, or taking part in Lodge proceedings, does not violate any law of the S. G. L. ⁴

2197. Cannot pay stated benefits.—Under Sections 2 and 18 of the Rebekah Code, Rebekah Lodge cannot pay stated benefits, fixed by its By-Laws. All payments must now be made by the Lodges at each meeting, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine. ⁵ A Rebekah Lodge that has been paying benefits as provided in its By-Laws, must cease paying them as a matter of right; they can only be paid by a vote of the Lodge. ⁶

2198. Attentive Benefits.—Rebekah Lodges are now charged with the duty of rendering "attentive benefits the same as Subordinate Lodges." ⁷ Any Grand Body, having jurisdiction over Rebekah Lodges may provide for requiring only the sisters in Rebekah Lodges to perform service of watching with the sick; and for requiring only the sisters to watch with sick sisters, leaving the watching for, and by, brothers to the Subordinate Lodges. ⁸

2199. Lodge funds may not be expended for a banquet.—Subdivision 3, of "Objects and purposes" in the Rebekah Code, has no reference whatever to the expenditure of Lodge funds. It does

¹ Ill. C. R. L., Art. XI, Secs. 1 to 8.

⁶ S. J., 1896, 14673, 15019; S. J., 1895,

² Ill. C. R. L., Art. VIII, Secs. 1, 2.

14239.

³ Sec. 561, *supra*.

⁷ S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

⁴ S. J., 14676, 14948, 15019.

⁸ R. C., Sec. 35.

⁵ S. J., 14239, 14487, 14570, 14674, 15019.

not permit a Rebekah Lodge to expend any of its funds for a banquet. The purposes for which the fund may be expended are set forth in subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 423, *supra*. They are trust funds. ¹

MEETINGS.

- SECTION 2200.—Regular meetings.
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 “ 2213.—Non-initiates not permitted to be present.
 “ 2214.—Officers' right to respective positions.
 “ 2215.—Public use of robes prohibited.
 “ 2216.—Funerals and funeral ceremony.

2200. Regular meetings.—This Lodge shall hold regular meetings as provided by the By-Laws, not less than two each month. Five members, irrespective of sex, including one lawfully qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum.

2200 a. A quorum of a Rebekah Lodge shall consist of five members including one lawfully qualified to preside. All the above requirements are to be construed as applying to members, irrespective of sex. A Grand Lodge may require a greater number of applicants than five for the institution or revival of a Rebekah Lodge, and may require that not more than one-half of such applicants shall be brothers. ²

2201. Special meetings shall be called by the Noble Grand, on the written request of five members, or by the order of the Lodge at any regular meeting. Special meetings may not be held at other than the regular meeting-place without a dispensation therefor from the Grand Master. A special meeting shall not transact any business other than that specified in the call. ³

2202. Place of Meeting.—Both under the new Code and the old law, the place of meeting of Rebekah Lodges is left with State Grand Bodies. The new Code makes no change in that respect. ⁴

¹ S. J., 14675, 14949, 15019.

² R. C., 29.

³ Ill. C. R. L., Art. I, Sec. 2, 3.

⁴ S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

2203. The chair.—In a Rebekah Lodge, the chair of V. G. cannot be filled by appointment of a member from the floor, unless the member has served a term in some office other than trustee. ¹

2204. Music.—A sister may furnish marches to be used in Rebekah Lodges, if not issued in the name of the Order and they do not supplant any required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to be used. ²

2204 a. Minutes.—After the time for correcting and approving the minutes of a Lodge has gone by, and a mistake or error is discovered, it can be corrected. ³

But if the claimed mistake be disputed, by parliamentary law, a committee must be appointed to ascertain and report the facts, upon the coming in of which report, the Body must determine whether the mistake or omission exists. ⁴

2205. Introduction of visitors.—Grand Officers and Grand Representatives are not authorized to introduce members of their own grand jurisdiction—only members of other jurisdictions. The only authority for such introduction is given by Article XIV, of the By-Laws of the S. G. L. ⁵

2206. Voting.—All votes shall be *viva voce* (yes or no) unless otherwise provided. ⁶ Voting in Rebekah Lodges shall be as follows: Upon admission or reinstatement of members in any lawful manner whatsoever, votes shall be by ball ballot, and not less than three black balls shall be required to reject. Upon sustaining charges upon the infliction of any form of penalty after trial and conviction, and upon granting withdrawal cards, votes shall also be by ball ballot. In election of Officers, of Delegates or Representatives, to assemblies, and of committees which are to be elected, the votes shall be by ballot, except that local laws may provide for election by acclamation where there is but one candidate. Votes in all other cases shall be *viva voce*. No petition shall be received from any rejected applicant unless the period of six months has intervened between such applications. ⁷

2207. See Business, Rules of Order and Order of Business enacted for the government of Rebekah Lodges of Illinois. ⁸

2208. Degree work.—The degree of Rebekah shall be conferred by duly constituted Rebekah Lodges only, except that for the purpose of assisting the organization of Rebekah Lodges, the necessary power to induct applicants for charter into the degree, where

¹ S. J., 14674, 15019.

² S. J., 14241, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 14248.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ S. J., 14249, 14525, 14570.

⁶ Ill. C. R. L., Art. XII, Sec. 4.

⁷ R. C., 24, as amended; S. J., 14878, 14974, 15069.

⁸ See Sec. 422, *supra*.

they do not possess it and are otherwise qualified, shall be vested in the several Grand Lodges, and Grand Masters, *ad interim*.¹

2209. The Degree of Rebekah has been taken away from the Subordinate Lodge and is now only conferred in Rebekah Lodges. No brother can obtain it except by joining a Rebekah Lodge.²

2210. On whom and when and where conferred.—Rebekah Lodges shall confer the degree on those persons only who apply for membership therein. A person elected to membership in a Rebekah Lodge must receive the degree in the Lodge in which such person was elected. The right and duty of conferring this degree cannot be transferred to another and different Lodge.³

2211. Ritual must govern.—In conferring the Degree of Rebekah, as in all the other degrees of the Order, the language of the Ritual must be adhered to. In conferring the beautified work with tableaux and characters, it is not permissible to use any words or language other than as prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.⁴

2211 a. Revised Ritual authorized.⁵

2211 b. The floor work is not obligatory, but recommended. Wherein it may differ from the Ritual it must be disregarded.⁶

2211 c. Rituals may not be taken from the Lodge room, even for binding.⁷

2212. Special session to exemplify work may be authorized, when.—A State Grand Lodge may authorize any Rebekah Lodge within its jurisdiction to open a session of such Lodge, presided over by its officers, to meet at any place within its jurisdiction during the session and at the place of meeting of such Grand Lodge, for the purpose of exemplifying, in the presence of the members of the Order, entitled to witness the same, the New Rebekah Work.⁸

2213. Non-initiates not permitted to be present.—No person, not a member of a Rebekah Lodge, except officers expressly authorized by law, can be allowed to be present at the conferring of the new Rebekah work; or the exemplification thereof. Members of a Grand Lodge will not be permitted to be present at the exemplification of the Rebekah Degree unless members of the Rebekah Lodges in good standing. The reason is that the new Ritual is designed

¹ R. C., 27.

² S. J., 14264.

³ R. C., Sec. 9; see Sec. 432, *supra*.

⁴ S. J., 11094, 11364, 11395.

⁵ S. J., 15041.

⁶ S. J., 14247.

⁷ S. J., 14176, 14948, 15019.

⁸ S. J., 11094, 11364, 11395.

for the use of Rebekah Lodges only, and those who are not in the possession of the degree as revised have no right to witness it.¹

2214. Officers right to respective positions.—The officers of the Lodge have the right to their respective positions upon the staff in the regular Lodge work, and cannot be deprived of that right, except by their consent.² In initiating, the N. G. may call upon any one qualified to give the unwritten work, but it must be under the N. G.'s authority and control.³

2215. Public use of robes prohibited.—A Rebekah Lodge may not legally give an exhibition drill in costumes before persons not members of a Rebekah Lodge, using the drill or Floor Work pertaining to the degree, nor use the costumes pertaining to the degree in giving a public exhibition, nor have photographs of the staff taken in the robes and costumes used in conferring the degree, and place these photographs on sale to Odd Fellows.⁴

2216. Funeral and funeral ceremony.—Upon death of a sister, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, by direction of the Noble Grand, if agreeable to the family, to call the Lodge together one hour previous to the time fixed for the funeral. The Noble Grand will announce the purpose of the meeting, and appoint a Marshal and six pall-bearers. The Marshal will form a procession in order of seniority, the Noble Grand and Vice Grand and Supporters being in the rear, and proceed to the residence, in vehicles or otherwise. Each member must wear the funeral rosette on the left shoulder, and their dresses of as uniform color as convenient. After the services at the house have been concluded, the Marshal will cause the body to be placed, if circumstances will permit, in such position as will enable the sisters to pass by with locked fingers over the corpse. Upon arrival at the cemetery, the Marshal will re-form the line by twos, in open order and inward faced. The corpse borne by pall-bearers, preceded by the minister and the Chaplain of the Lodge, followed by the mourners and friends, will pass through the open line to the grave. The rear of the line will follow them, reversing the line by an inward countermarch, and will form in a circle around the grave. If the minister desires to hold further service at the grave, he shall have precedence. After he has concluded, the Noble Grand will step to the head of the grave and say:⁵

2216 a. A special form for funeral ceremony for the use of Rebekah Lodges was adopted in 1887,⁶ repeated in the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for that year.⁷ It will be found in the latest edition of the Book of Forms, pages 237-242.

¹ S. J., 11094, 11364, 11395.

² S. J., 14675, 14948, 15019.

³ *Id.*

⁴ 14676, 14949, 15019.

⁵ S. J., 10983, 11026, then follows the ceremony at the grave, as prescribed; see Sec. 2142, *supra*.

⁶ S. J., 10983.

⁷ Vol. VIII, page 231.

PASSWORDS.

SECTION 2217.—S. A. P. W.

“ 2218.—N. G. may communicate P. W.

“ 2219.—Use of the S. A. P. W.

“ 2220.—Sign of recognition.

“ 2221.—A qualified N. G. of degree staff may communicate P. W. while conferring degrees.

“ 2222.—D. D. Grand Sire must be a member of R. L. to receive A. T. P. W.

2217. The S. A. P. W.—The Grand Master (or if empowered by the authority of the Grand Lodge, the President of the Rebekah Assembly), of each Grand Lodge represented in the Sovereign Grand Lodge under which any Rebekah Lodge has been, or hereafter shall be, instituted, is required to make a Semi-annual Password for use in all Rebekah Lodges in the jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge; which password shall be a test of good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, and shall be used at the outer door of such Lodges to obtain admission to the ante-room. This semi-annual word shall only be used in the jurisdiction to which it properly belongs, and shall be communicated privately to all persons entitled to receive it.¹

2218. N. G. may communicate P. W.—In the absence of any limiting local legislation, the declaration of the S. G. L. (“or cause them to be communicated”) gives the N. G’s. of Rebekah Lodges the same power in communicating the P. W. that is given to N. G’s. of Subordinate Lodges.²

2219. The use of the S. A. P. W. is to enable the member to gain admission to any Lodge in his or her jurisdiction. The use of the A. T. P. W. is now two-fold. Originally it was only to test a brother or a sister. Since the introduction of the visiting and withdrawal cards, and visiting certificate, it is an accompaniment of them, to enable a brother or sister to visit Rebekah Lodges in other jurisdictions, and should be given to the candidate, or sister or brother, to accompany a card or visiting certificate in the same cautious manner as the S. A. P. W.; otherwise it is useless as an accompaniment of such card or visiting certificate.³ But it cannot be given openly in a Rebekah Lodge.⁴

2220. Sign of recognition.—Legislation enacted in session of 1896 S. G. L. enables a sister, a member of a Rebekah Lodge, to make herself known as a member, to any member of a Subordinate Lodge.⁵

¹ R. C., Sec. 36.

² S. J., 14675, 14948, 15019.

³ Secs. 2179, 2180, *supra*.

⁴ S. J., 14240, 14487, 14673, 15042.

⁵ S. J., 15077.

2221. A qualified N. G. of Degree Staff may communicate P. W. while conferring degrees.—When the officers of a Rebekah Lodge surrender their chair to a Degree Staff for the purpose of conferring the degree, the N. G. of the Degree Staff is acting N. G. of the Lodge, and has the same right to communicate P. W's. to candidates during the conferring of degrees that the installed N. G. has, it being assumed that such acting N. G. is legally qualified, *i. e.*, is an installed N. G. of a Lodge, or a P. N. G.¹

2222. D. D. Grand Sire must be a member of a Rebekah Lodge in order to receive the Rebekah A. T. P. W.²

TERMS AND RETURNS.

SECTION 2223. Semi-annual and annual terms.

“ 2224. Report of term to be forwarded, time and manner.

“ 2225. Rebekah Lodges must make returns.

“ 2226. Power to fix penalties for neglect to make returns.

“ 2227. Grand Secretary shall furnish Grand Lodges with blanks.

“ 2228. Per capita tax.

2223. Terms and returns; tax.—Semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in January and July; the annual term on the first regular meeting in January.

2223 a. Though the law of 1889, p. 11, 744, does not name Rebekah Lodges, in analogy and principle, it must apply them as well. So applying it, a Rebekah Lodge may have six months' term, if its By-laws so provide, and may meet semi-monthly, in which event twelve meetings would constitute a term and seven a majority of the nights of a term.³

2224. It shall be the duty of the retiring officers, at the close of each semi-annual term, to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge immediately, a full report of the work of the term, upon the blank forms furnished from the office of the Grand Secretary, and in conformity with instructions from that officer, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the General Assembly, and at the close of each annual term, on December 31, in like manner, to make the annual report of membership.⁴

2225. Rebekah Lodges must make returns under Section 22, of the Rebekah Code to the Grand Lodge as therein required, though they come through the Assembly.⁵

2226. Power to fix penalty for neglect to make returns.—Section 22 of the Rebekah Code, last clause, gives Grand Lodges

¹ S. J., 13783, 14033, 14070.

² S. J., 14240, 14487, 14570.

³ S. J., 14674 15019

⁴ Ill. C. R. L., Art. XII, Secs. 1 and 2.

⁵ S. J., 14679, 14948, 15019.

power to fix the penalty for neglect to make returns, and a Constitution fixing such penalty for a time longer or shorter than the month allowed under the old law for forfeiture of charter, is legal. ¹

2227. The Grand Secretary shall furnish Grand Lodges with blanks for annual returns of Rebekah Lodges, and such Grand Lodges shall require such returns to be made on the 31st of December of each year; and may require that such returns shall be made to the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly, and in such case shall require such officer to make a full report of same to the Grand Lodge. ²

2228. Per capita tax.—This Lodge shall pay the Rebekah Assembly a per capita tax of such an amount as the annual assembly may direct. This Lodge, failing to pay its per capita tax and make its report, as provided by Section 2 of Article XII, R. L. C., shall not be entitled to representation at the State Assembly. ³

Note. The Assembly cannot without special permission of the Grand Lodge levy to exceed twenty cents per capita. ⁴

¹ S. J., 14676, 14948, 15019.

² R. C., 22; Sec. 445, *supra*.

³ Ill. R. Const., Art. XII, Sec. 3.

⁴ Sec 464, *supra*.

CHAPTER X.

HOMES.

- (1.) Generally.
- (2.) Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home.
- (3.) Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows.

GENERALLY.

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“ 2229a.—Organized benevolence.

“ 2230.—Ways and means commensurate to this end.

“ 2230a.—The DeBoissiere Case.

“ 2231.—Support of widows and orphans, not a work of charity.

“ 2232.—Surplus funds only, to be donated.

“ 2233.—Assessments upon Subordinates.

“ 2234.—Annual reports to be required from directors and managers.

“ 2235.—The same required.

2229. Homes authorized by S. G. L.—State Grand Bodies are permitted to adopt such laws for the purpose of establishing and maintaining homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, and widows of deceased members of the Order, and homes for the care, protection and education of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows, as they may determine to be consistent with the welfare of the Order in their respective jurisdictions. ¹

2229 a. The S. G. L. in 1893 reaffirmed its legislation of 1892 as follows: The legislation of 1892 was not only for the assistance of aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their widows, but also for the purpose of protecting, supporting and educating the orphans of our Order, and, as such, was an illustration of organized benevolence of the broadest, truest character. That it was so hailed and accepted by the brotherhood at large, is amply proven by the enactment of laws looking to the establishment and maintenance of homes, such as contemplated in said legislation, under which laws vast property rights have become vested, and scores of the wards of this Order are now being protected and educated. The establishment of such homes has had a wide influence upon the uninitiated in causing inquiry and investigation to be made into the purposes of an Order which works along the lines of the most practical benevolence. ²

¹ S. J., 13017, 13120, 13161; Sec. 790
supra.

² S. G. L., 13551, 13552, 13671; Ill.
J., IX, 609.

2230. Ways and means commensurate to this end.—State Grand Bodies may establish and maintain homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, for widows of deceased members, and for orphans of deceased Odd Fellows; and when the State Jurisdiction has determined the necessity for the existence of such home or homes, it is then left to that jurisdiction to determine the manner of establishing and means for maintaining the same. The power to establish and maintain necessarily implies the power to raise money by the usual and ordinary methods for that purpose, as by per capita or other proper form of tax.¹

2230 a. The De Boissiere Case.—One De Boissiere upon certain conditions donated real and personal property for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Home and Industrial School for the orphans of Odd Fellows in Kansas; one of these conditions was that the Grand Lodge was to pay off certain incumbrances; to do this the Grand Lodge provided for raising the necessary funds by the levy of a capitation tax upon the Subordinate Lodges; the payment of this tax was resisted by the Lodges, and the contention was carried into the civil courts and also before the G. Sire, who refused to entertain the matter on the petition of one hundred and twelve Subordinate Lodges, because resort had been in the first instance to the civil courts, in which the case was then pending; it thereupon came before the Committee on Judiciary, which, as well as the civil courts, held in favor of the tax and that, having declared the necessity for establishing the home, the Grand Lodge of Kansas had ample power to raise the necessary money for that purpose by such a tax.²

This was approved by the S. G. L. as follows: That the action of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in levying a per capita tax of \$1.00 per member upon the Odd Fellows of Kansas, for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness on the property of the De Boissiere Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home and Industrial School Association, of Kansas, and in levying a per capita tax of fifty cents per member for the maintenance of said institution, is not in violation of any law of this Order. That the petitions of the one hundred and twelve Lodges of Kansas, presented to the Grand Sire, be, and are hereby dismissed.³

2231. The support of the widows and the orphans, not a work of charity.—The support of the widows, and the education and maintenance of the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows who died in good standing, are not acts of charity but legal obligations. Such is the law of the Order—one of the most fundamental laws known to us.⁴

¹ The De Boissiere Home case, S. J., 14156, 14160, 14161.

³ S. J., 14164.

⁴ S. J., 14115, 14150.

² S. J., 14156, 14164; see also preceding Section.

2232. Surplus funds only to be donated.—When any Subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall determine to establish any home or homes for the widows of deceased Odd Fellows, or for the education and support of the children of indigent or deceased Odd Fellows, they may donate only surplus funds which they possess for that purpose. ¹

2233. Assessments upon Subordinates.—State Grand Bodies have the legal right and full power to make reasonable and necessary assessments upon their Subordinates to provide and maintain homes for such dependents, but this is a power in the exercise of which much caution and deliberation should characterize the action of Grand Bodies. ²

2234. Annual reports to be required from Directors and Managers.—Grand Jurisdictions shall require the directors or managers of orphans' homes, or other homes of the Order within their boundaries and under their control, to make annual reports, showing the name, location, date of organization and object of such homes. Also a description of their properties, cost, present value, character of title, board of management and how created, cost of maintenance and how provided, number of children or others cared for, and the annual cost per capita, together with such additional statements as said directors or managers may be able to give, to the end, that the information in regard to such homes may be as complete as possible. ³

2235. Directors, their annual reports required.—It shall hereafter be the duty of the directors of the Orphans' Home and Old Folks' Home, through their chairmen and secretaries, to submit to the Grand Master their detailed reports of all receipts and expenditures and doings, on the first day of November of each year; said reports to be forwarded immediately by the Grand Master to the Finance Committee for their examination and report, which committee report, together with the reports from the respective Boards of Directors, shall be published in the Grand Master's annual report. ⁴

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME.

SECTION 2236.—Authorization of, by G. L. of Ill.

" 2236 a.—First.—Its management vested in a board of five trustees.

" 2236 b.—Second.—Auxiliary Advisory Board of five Rebekahs.

" 2236 c.—Third.—Appropriations, warrants, vouchers.

" 2236 d.—Fourth.—Board to make rules and regulations.

" 2236 e.—Fifth.—Annual reports from the directors required.

" 2237.—Chartered under the General Incorporation Law.

" 2237 a.—Statement made by the corporators.

" 2237 b.—Changes, how made, as to location and directorate.

¹ S. J., 13101, 13158.

² S. J., 14115, 14150.

³ S. J., 14589, 14610.

⁴ Ill. J., 1896, 311.

- SECTION 2238.—The orphan, Odd Fellowship's pledge to educate.
 " 2239.—The Home, Odd Fellowship's brightest jewel.
 " 2240.—The funds and care provided, by action of the G. L.
 " 2241.—Widows' and Orphans' Fund, a trust.
 " 2242.—How it may be apportioned to the support of the Home.
 " 2243.—May be donated or loaned for this purpose.
 " 2244.—How the orphan may gain admittance.
 " 2245.—Funds, warrants, how issued, vouchers.
 " 2246.—Annual reports required.

2236. Authority for Illinois Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home.

2236 a. Its management, in whom vested.—That the Grand Lodge vest the control and management of said institution in a Board of Directors of five members, to be appointed by the Grand Master, from this Grand Lodge. One for the period of one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years; and annually thereafter, the Grand Master shall appoint one member of said Board to serve for the term of five years. All vacancies in said Board occasioned by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master. ¹

2236 b. Advisory Board of five Rebekahs.—The Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois shall be invited to appoint an Orphans' Home Committee of five members, who shall be sisters of Rebekah, and such committee shall meet with the Board of Directors at its semi-annual and annual meetings, for the purpose of consultation and advice as to all matters relating to said institution. ²

2236 c. Appropriations, warrants, how drawn, vouchers.—Of the moneys which this Grand Lodge shall from time to time appropriate for the benefits of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to draw his warrants upon the Grand Treasurer for the purpose of the Home, upon vouchers certified by the Chairman of the Board of Directors and attested by its Secretary, and approved by the Grand Master. ³

2236 d. Rules and regulations to be made by the Board.—Rules and regulations for the management of said Home shall be adopted by said Board, and shall be effective until repealed or amended by this Grand Lodge. ⁴

2236 e. Annual reports required.—The Board of Directors shall make annual report to the Grand Master thirty days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge of each year, of the condition of said Home, and of all the acts and doings of said Board, for the fiscal year ending October 1st. ⁵

¹ Ill. J., IX, 389.

² *Id.* See Sec. 486, *supra*.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Ill. J., IX, 389.

2237.

CHARTER.

State of Illinois, Department of State.

Isaac N. Pearson, Secretary of State.

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Greeting.

WHEREAS: Certificate duly signed and acknowledged having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 7th day of September, A. D. 1889, for the organization of the

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME,

under and in accordance with the provisions of "An Act concerning corporations," approved April 18th, 1872, and in force July 1st, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached,

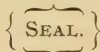
Now Therefore, I, Isaac N. Pearson, Secretary of State, of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME

is a legally organized corporation, under the laws of this state.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand, and cause to be affixed the great seal of state. Done at the city of Springfield, this 7th day of September,

in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and 14th.



I. N. Pearson,
Secretary of State.

2237 a.

STATEMENT BY THE CORPORATORS.

State of Illinois, }
Cook County. } ss.

To Isaac N. Pearson, Secretary of State:

We, the undersigned, Lizzie L. Morrison, Maria Spalding, Jennie A. Tichnor and Eva R. Withey, citizens of the United States, propose to form a corporation under an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An act concerning corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof; and for the purpose of such organization we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

(1.) The name of such corporation is

"ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME."

(2.) The object for which it is formed is to establish and maintain a home for the children of deceased Odd Fellows.

(3.) The management of the aforesaid corporation shall be vested in a board of seventeen directors who are to be elected by the Convention of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah of Illinois.

(4.) The following persons are hereby selected as the directors to control and manage said corporation for the first year of its existence, viz.: Lizzie L. Morrison, Maria L. Spalding, Jennie A. Tichnor, Eva R. Withey, M. R. Cunningham, Anna E. Moreland, Matilda Griebel, Sarah R. Crocker, Mary A. Funk, Roxy A. Bradley, Alfred Orendorff, Alonzo Ellwood, William H. Crocker, E. S. Conway, J. Otis Humphrey, Henry C. Feltman and William H. Underwood.

(5.) The location is in Chicago, in the county of Cook and state of Illinois.

(Signed) Lizzie L. Morrison.
Maria A. Spalding.
Jennie A. Tichnor.
Eva R. Withey.

The foregoing were duly acknowledged and are on record at Chicago in the Recorder's office, in Book 32, Corporation Records, on pages 41, 42 and 43.

2237 b. Changes, how made, as to location and directorate.—

The action of the Grand Lodge in assuming the control and in sanctioning the changes in regard to the directorate and location of the Orphans' Home from Chicago to Lincoln, with the concurrence of the corporation which was organized as above, together with the reasons therefor, may be found in the Journal of the Grand Lodge.¹

2238. The Orphan, pledge of Odd Fellowship to educate.—

Odd Fellows are bound together and pledged: first, to visit the sick; second, to relieve the distressed; third, to bury the dead; fourth, to educate the orphan. This is the foundation of our brotherhood; it is engraved upon its great seal and comes to us with a fresh reminding, stamped upon every document issued by the Sovereign Body. No grander foundation was ever laid upon which to rear a magnificent structure. Herein are enunciated four principles for human action, than which none nobler ever moved to self-sacrifice. The last and grandest among them all, and wisely placed as the climax in an ascending series, is "Educate the Orphan." Educate—not merely teach him book knowledge, but educate him, i. e., "draw him out," develop the budding germ into a noble man, in all that constitutes true nobility; into a lovely woman, all that constitutes true loveliness. To do this effectually, orphans must have a home, not merely a place where they can eat and sleep, but a home in the full meaning of that most precious word; a home like that, of which by an inscrutable Providence over which they had no control, they have been bereft. For,

"Be it ever so humble,
There is no place like home."²

2239. "The Home the brightest jewel that bedecks the crown of Odd Fellowship."³

2240. The fund and care—action of G. L.—At the annual session in 1888, the Grand Lodge of Illinois resolved: That there be a fund raised for establishing a home under the immediate care of the Grand Lodge, and that a committee be appointed to devise the best plan for establishing and maintaining the same.⁴ The committee was appointed and at the next annual session reported. Further resolutions were then adopted as follows: *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge pledge itself to help and aid the convention of Rebekah Degree Lodges in founding an Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home and to urge upon its Subordinates the necessity of assisting the enterprise in all legitimate ways. *Resolved*, That this Grand Body give its consent to any committee that may be appointed by the Convention of Rebekah Degree Lodges to solicit from the mem-

¹ Ill. J., IX, 260-265, 389.

² (Per J. W. Stebbins, P. G. S.); Ill. J. 1895, 38.

³ H. A. Stone. P. G. M., Ill. J., IX,

828. Full report of its condition, (1894). Ill. J., IX, 828-848.

⁴ Ill. J., VIII, 510, 514.

bership, either individually or by Lodges, for such funds as they may need to carry out the aims of the work.¹

It was held, however, that as the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of each Lodge is dedicated to the service of the widows and orphans within the jurisdiction of such Lodge only, no portion of such fund can be diverted to the proposed orphans' home.² And it was further resolved at this session: That all Subordinate Lodges are hereby recommended and requested to give a generous financial encouragement to the proposed home, and thus, by their assistance, enable the promoters of this charitable enterprise to carry it forward until the "Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home" shall be an established and permanent institution to which the Odd Fellows of this great State can point with pride.³

2241. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is stamped as a trust fund for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers, at their death, were members in good standing in such Lodge or Encampment; and it is illegal and a misapplication of such funds to donate or appropriate such fund, or any part thereof, for any purpose whatever, except for the direct and individual support and benefit of the widows and orphans who are, under the law, legitimate charges upon such Lodge or Encampment. *Provided*, however, nothing herein shall prevent Subordinates who may have placed their widows and orphans in an asylum or home, from using their Widows' and Orphans' fund in defraying the legitimate expenses thereby incurred. And the several Grand Bodies are instructed to see to it that this law is observed by their Subordinates.⁴

2242. Proportion of Widows' and Orphans' Fund may be apportioned for the Orphans' Home.—All Lodges in this jurisdiction, who have a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, may, in paying their capitation tax, draw from said Widows' and Orphans' Fund an amount equal in ratio to the percentage of funds that is apportioned by the Grand Lodge for the support of the Orphans' Home.⁵

2243. May be donated or loaned, when.—In jurisdictions where the Grand Lodge may decide to establish, maintain and support homes for the dependent widows, or the maintenance and education of the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows, such Grand Lodge may permit the Subordinate Lodges in its jurisdiction under reasonable and proper restrictions to donate or loan a portion of its Widows' and Orphans' Fund, or a portion of its Lodge Fund to said homes; *provided*, that, where Grand Jurisdictions grant the

¹ Ill. J., VIII, 690, 725.

² Ill. J., VIII, 703, 725. But see
Secs. 2242, 2243, *infra*.

³ Ill. J., VIII, 718.

⁴ S. J., 10986, 11027.

⁵ Ill. J., IX, 998, 1006.

privilege herein named to its Subordinate Lodges, that the proposition in any such Subordinate Lodge shall lie over one week before final action.¹

2244. How the orphan may gain admittance.—In order to gain admittance for children to the home, the applicant must apply to the Superintendent or the Secretary of the Board for a blank application, which must be filled up and signed by the guardian and must be certified by the Lodge to which the father belonged under seal. On the return of the application properly filled up and certified to, it will be presented to the Board of Directors for their consideration and the applicant will be informed of the action taken. Each child should at least be provided with one change of clothing.²

2245. Funds, warrants, how issued, vouchers.—That all moneys paid out of the Grand Treasury on account of the Orphans' Home shall be paid upon warrants drawn by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. No warrants shall be issued for the payment of any moneys, except where proper vouchers are submitted to the Grand Master showing in detail the liability, with a certificate attached to the same, certifying that said bill has been approved by the Board of Trustees of said home, which must be certified by its chairman and attested by its secretary.³

2246. Directors, their annual reports.—It shall hereafter be the duty of the Directors of the Orphans' Home, and Old Folks' Home, through their chairmen and secretaries, to submit to the Grand Master their detailed reports of all receipts and expenditures and doings, on the first day of November of each year, said reports to be forwarded immediately by the Grand Master to the Finance Committee for their examination and report, which committee report, together with the reports from the respective Boards of Directors, shall be published in the Grand Master's annual report.⁴

HOME FOR AGED AND INDIGENT ODD FELLOWS.

SECTION 2247.—Establishment.

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" 2251.—Appropriations.

" 2252.—Warrants, when to be issued.

" 2253.—Auxiliary advisory board of five Rebekahs.

" 2254.—Legislation, as to relinquishment of benefits by inmates, authorized.

¹ S. J., 12664, 12705.

² Ill. J., IX, 833.

³ Ill. J., 1896, 310.

⁴ Ill. J., 1896, 311.

2247. Establishment.—There is hereby established and to be maintained by this Grand Lodge a home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and daughters of Rebekah within this jurisdiction.¹

2248. Trustees.—For this purpose there is hereby created a Board of Trustees, consisting of five, to be appointed by the Grand Master at the session of 1896 of such Grand Lodge, one for a term of five years, one for four, one for three, one for two and one for one year, and at the expiration of the respective terms of office of each of said trustees the Grand Master of this jurisdiction shall appoint a successor, whose term of office shall be for five years. Said Board shall annually choose their own chairman and in case of vacancy therein by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Grand Master aforesaid shall immediately on notice thereof fill the same by appointment for the unexpired term.²

2249. Duties of the trustees.—It shall be the duty of such Board of Trustees, and they are hereby directed as soon as possible, to determine upon the proper location for the establishment of said Home, and are hereby authorized and directed to obtain by purchase not to exceed three hundred and twenty (320) acres, and not less than one hundred (100) acres of land (or by donation such amount as may be tendered by the donor or donors), at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and to erect thereon from time to time as the same may be needed, suitable and proper cottages for the accommodation of brothers and sisters, and to provide for the suitable and proper superintendence thereof.³

2250. To prescribe rules, regulations and conditions and make annual reports.—Said Board of Trustees is hereby further authorized, directed and required to make such rules, conditions and regulations for the admission and residence at said Home as they may deem wise and proper; said Board shall at the annual session of this Grand Lodge for 1897, report the title of said lands so purchased, together with a copy of all rules, regulations, and conditions made by them as aforesaid, together with an itemized account of all expenditures by them made, and shall thereafter each and every year make their annual report to this Grand Lodge.⁴

2251. Appropriations.—That for the purposes aforesaid it is hereby ordered that there be paid by the Grand Treasurer, from time to time, as may be needed, money not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year of 1896 and 1897, such money to be paid by said Treasurer upon warrants drawn by the Grand Secretary and Grand Master.⁵

¹ Ill. J., 1896, 216, 217, 238.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

2252.—Warrants, when to be issued.—No warrants shall be issued for the payment of any moneys except where proper vouchers are submitted to the Grand Master showing in detail the liability with a certificate attached to same that said bill has been approved by the Board of Trustees of said Home, which must be certified to by its Chairman and attested by its Secretary.¹

2253. Auxiliary advisory board of five Rebekahs.—The Grand Master is authorized and directed to appoint an Advisory Board, to consist of five Rebekahs, to have the same power and perform the same duties as the Advisory Board of the Orphans' Home, one to be for one, one for two, one for three, one for four, and one for five years, and that each year hereafter the Grand Master appoint one member of this board, to serve for a period of five years.²

2254. Legislation as to relinquishment of benefits by inmates, authorized.—Grand Lodges may provide by appropriate legislation that under their respective jurisdictions any member of this Order who is now or who may hereafter become an inmate of any home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, shall thereby relinquish all claim for weekly benefits from such member's Lodge during the time he shall continue to be an inmate of such Home, and such Home shall continue to receive, in its workings and operation, the sanction and approval of the Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, in which such Home shall be located. Grand Encampments may also provide by appropriate legislation that under their respective jurisdictions any Encampment member who is now, or who may hereafter become, an inmate of any Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows shall thereby relinquish all claims for weekly benefits from his Encampment, during the time he shall continue to be an inmate of such Home, and such Home shall continue to receive, in its workings and operation, the sanction and approval of the Grand Encampment Jurisdiction, in which said home shall be located. During the time or times that any Lodge or Encampment shall be freed from the liability to pay weekly benefits to any of its members, who may be inmates of such a Home, because of any such relinquishment of weekly benefits, no weekly dues shall accrue against any such member, but he shall remain in good standing in every respect, and particularly, without payment of weekly dues. If any inmate of such Home shall be a member of a Lodge or an Encampment, which, by the laws and regulations of such Home, is not entitled to place therein any of its aged or indigent members, or if having been, such Lodge or Encampment shall cease of its own default to be so entitled, then all such relinquishment of weekly benefits as to that Lodge or Encampment shall be in favor of such Home, and such Lodge or Encampment shall pay such weekly benefits to such Home instead of to such member.³

¹ Ill. J., 1896, 216, 217, 238.

² Ill. J., 1896, 289, 290.

³ S. J., 13041, 13117, 13161.

CHAPTER XI.

INSURANCE.

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- (2.) Fire Insurance.

LIFE INSURANCE.

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- “ 2279.—Trustees of benefit association not to be appointed by a G. L.
- “ 2280.—State endowment association requires no license.

2255. General requirements. Filing charters, etc.—That every association, doing a life or accident, or life and accident, business, and using the name of the Order, or claiming to be an Odd

Fellows' Insurance Company, or the membership of which is limited by its Charter, articles of association, fundamental law, By-Laws, resolutions or practice, to members of this Order, shall, on or before the first day of June next, file with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of every jurisdiction in which it proposes to transact business a copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, fundamental law, By-Laws, and all amendments thereto, and of all resolutions and actions had by the company or association affecting the liability or status of persons insured therein, verified by affidavits of its president, secretary and treasurer, and signed by said officers and the directors or managers of such company or association, and if hereafter the charter, articles of association or fundamental law of any such company or association, shall be annulled or altered, or the by-laws thereof be changed or amended, or any resolution passed affecting the liability or status of persons insured therein, a copy shall forthwith be filed with the Sovereign Grand Lodge and with the Grand Lodge of each jurisdiction in which such company or association is doing business; *provided, however*, that any such company or association which has already filed such statements as required by this resolution shall not again be required to file them. ¹

2256. Annual reports to be filed.—That on or before the first day of June, of each year hereafter, every such company or association shall file with the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of every jurisdiction in which it proposes to transact business, upon blanks furnished by the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a report similarly verified for the year ending on the 31st day of December, or prior thereto, setting forth:

- (1.) Full name of corporation and principal place of business.
- (2.) Date of incorporation and commencement of business.
- (3.) Character of business.
- (4.) Names and residences of president, secretary, treasurer, and directors or managers.
- (5.) Number of policies in force on December 31st of previous year.
- (6.) Number of new policies issued during the year.
- (7.) Number of policies lapsed during the year.
- (8.) Number of policies in force on December 31st, of the year covered by the report.
- (9.) A list of all losses paid during the preceding year giving name of the assured, his residence, amount paid, and cause of death.
- (10.) Amount of entrance fee.
- (11.) Amount of periodical dues.
- (12.) Maximum amount of risk on any one life.

¹ S. J., 13081, 13084; 13646, 13679; Law of 1892, 1893.

(13.) Whether policies issued for a specified amount to be paid or amount dependent upon assessment.

(14.) What portion of premium (if any) is set apart for mortuary purposes, and what for expenses?

(15.) How is mortuary fund invested?

(16.) Whether the association issues endowment certificates.

(17.) Are assessments graded on any table of mortality; how are they graded?

(18.) How and when are officers and directors elected?

(19.) What medical examinations are required before issuing policies?

(20.) What amount of money will an ordinary assessment for the payment of a single certificate yield?

(21.) Has the association any emergency or reserve fund?

(22.) What is the amount?

(23.) How is it invested?

(24.) For what purpose is it used?

(25.) A list of all the assessments during the year, their purpose in detail, date of assessment and amount realized on each.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

(26.) Cost value of real estate, its character, and how and when acquired.

(27.) Description of incumbrances thereon, and for what purpose created.

(28.) Loans and how secured. Details.

(29.) Bonds, stocks, etc., owned absolutely.

(30.) Agents' Ledger balances.

(31.) Cash in office.

(32.) Cash in banks, and what banks.

(33.) All other assets in detail.

(34.) Are any of your funds loaned to any officer or director of your company, or are they, or any of them, interested in such loans, directly or indirectly, or in any way responsible therefor?

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES.

(35.) Losses due or unpaid.

(36.) Taxes due and unpaid.

(37.) Salaries, rents and officers' expenses due and unpaid.

(38.) Borrowed money.

(39.) Advanced assessments.

(40.) All other liabilities indicating their character. ¹

¹ S. J. 13081, 13084; 13646, 13647, 1892, 1893, see S. J. 13081-13084 as amended 13645-13648.
13679; Secs. 2255-2267 are from S. J.

2257. Certificate of authority to act from the state.—At the same time such association shall file with the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge a certificate from the insurance department (if any there be issuing certificates to assessment companies) of the state, territory or province, under the laws of which such association is incorporated or formed, setting forth that said association is authorized to do a life or accident, or life and accident, insurance business, and that it has complied with the requirements of such insurance department.

2258. Certificate of compliance with state laws.—Such company shall also, at the same time, file with the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which it proposes to transact business a duplicate of said certificate, and also a certificate from the insurance department or state official (if any there be issuing certificates to assessment companies), of the state in which it so proposes to transact business, showing that it has complied with the laws of such state, and is legally entitled to do business therein.

2259. Certificate to issue, signed by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.—Upon the filing of the reports and certificates hereinbefore provided for, with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to issue to such Company a certificate setting forth that it has complied with the laws of the I. O. O. F. relative to organizations for the transaction of life or accident, or life and accident, insurance, and is entitled to transact such business for the period of one year from the date of such certificate, in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge or Lodges as through its or their officers shall grant permission for that purpose under the laws of the Order. Said certificate shall set forth distinctly that neither the Sovereign Grand Lodge nor State Grand Lodge, or Subordinate Lodges are in any way responsible for the engagements or contracts of such company or association, nor shall the certificate be considered or assumed to be an indorsement or recommendation of said association, nor of its solvency or responsibility. Such certificate shall entitle such company to transact its business in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodges as through their officers shall grant such permission as hereinafter provided.

2260. Certificates to be issued by Subordinate Grand Bodies, when and how.—Upon filing with any Grand Secretary of any Grand Lodge the certificates and reports hereinbefore provided for, together with the above mentioned certificate from the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of such jurisdiction to issue to such company or association a certificate substantially in the form hereinbefore provided for, to be issued by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and

containing the same reservation, namely, that neither the Sovereign Grand Lodge nor Grand or Subordinate Lodges are in any way responsible for the engagements or contracts of such company or association, nor shall the certificate be considered or assumed to be an indorsement or recommendation of such association, nor of its solvency or responsibility. Such certificate shall entitle such company to transact its business in the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge; *Provided, however*, that the Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction may, by resolution, prohibit the granting of certificates of permission as herein provided for, to be issued by its Grand Master or Grand Secretary to all insurance associations. Any action heretofore had by any Grand Lodge prohibiting insurance associations from doing business within its jurisdiction shall remain unaffected by these resolutions.

2261. Copies of certificates, charters, etc., to be attached to every policy.—It shall be the duty of all insurance companies or associations obtaining certificates as aforesaid, to attach to each policy issued by it a copy of such certificates, and also of its charter, articles of association and by-laws, or fundamental law and amendments thereto, and of its last preceding report filed, or required to be filed with the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges.

2262. Statement to be made each year to policy holder.—It shall be the duty of each association obtaining a license as aforesaid to mail, on or before the first day of July in each year, to each one of its insured members or policy holders, a copy of the last preceding statement filed, or required to be filed, by it, as hereinbefore provided.

2263. Solicitation of insurance in open Lodge prohibited.—Nothing herein contained shall be construed to permit the representative of any such association to solicit insurance in Lodge rooms or while the Lodge is in session.

2264. Forfeiture of license.—Any violations of, or omission to perform and comply with, the provisions of these resolutions shall work a forfeiture of the license granted.

2265. Fees required.—Each association receiving such certificate shall pay to the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the time of the filing of the annual report the sum of ten dollars, and a similar sum to each Grand Lodge jurisdiction granting such permission or certificate. Duplicates shall be furnished at the rate of one dollar each. The Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall provide the certificates of authority, to be used by the State Grand jurisdictions, in blank form, at fifty cents each.

2266. Solicitation for non-licensed company an offense against I. O. O. F.—Any member of the I. O. O. F. who shall, after July the 1st, 1893, in any capacity, directly or indirectly, solicit, or attempt to solicit from any other member of this Order any life or accident insurance for any association or company of the character specified in resolution numbered *first* of this series, which has failed to obtain the certificates hereinbefore provided for, shall be liable, on trial and conviction, to be suspended or expelled from the Order.

2267. Failure to comply with these requirements an offense.—Any willful violation of, or omission to perform and comply with the provisions of these resolutions by any officer, director or manager of such company or association shall constitute an offense against the laws of the Order, and shall be punished by suspension or expulsion from the Order.

2268. Requirements not applicable to local concerns.—The act of 1892 is not applicable to voluntary associations or small corporations organized in the various jurisdictions for the purpose of aiding members thereof in sickness, or of providing for families of deceased members, such associations confining their operations to towns, cities or jurisdictions in which they are located, and not seeking to do general insurance business. ¹

2269. Applicable to associations though incorporated.—The S. G. L. insurance laws apply to all associations seeking recognition from the Order, whether they have been incorporated under civil laws or not. ²

2270. Issuing license imperative, when.—Executive officers of Grand Lodges have no option but must grant license to Odd Fellows' insurance associations making application therefor, who have complied with the requirements of law, except in a jurisdiction where the Grand Lodge has decided not to license such bodies.

2271. When debarred from license.—Any insurance company or association, which has been refused the use of the name of this Order by the Grand Officers or Grand Body of the jurisdiction in which such company or association is organized, shall be debarred from soliciting any Odd Fellow to become a member of said association in any jurisdiction subject to this Sovereign Grand Lodge; and any officer of such association or any Odd Fellow soliciting members for such association shall be liable to expulsion from the Order. ³

2271 a. An insurance organization, to be permitted to use the name of the Order, or to receive the certificate of the S. G. L., must be one that confines its operations to Odd Fellows exclusively. ⁴

¹ S. J., 13258, 13661, 13692.

² S. J., 13784, 14050, 14073.

³ S. J., 13081, 13191, 13646, 13679.

⁴ S. J., 13258, 13548, 13671.

2272. Use of name and emblems of the order prohibited.—

It is illegal to use the name or emblems of the I. O. O. F. in the transaction of business other than that directly pertaining to the Order. But this shall not be considered to apply to Odd Fellows insurance or beneficial associations duly authorized to use the name of the Order.¹ The words "Odd Fellows" cannot legally be used in the title of an unlicensed insurance company or benefit association. As *e. g.* "The Odd Fellows' Mutual Aid Accident Association."²

2273. Temples, homes, asylums, schools, halls excepted.—

Nothing herein shall be construed against, or inhibit, the building and support of any temples, widows' and orphans' homes, asylums, schools or halls which are used, or to be erected and maintained within the legitimate purposes of the I. O. O. F.³ An association incorporated under the name of "Odd Fellows' Building Association, Limited," organized for the purpose of providing ways and means for the profitable investment of its funds in the purchase of land, and the erection and maintenance thereon of a building to be known as Odd Fellows' Hall, and not limiting its membership to the members of the Order, is in conflict with the above law.⁴

2274. Names, symbols, emblems, initials, etc., not to be used in private enterprises.—All associations organized for the sole and only purpose of co-operative work in building Odd Fellows' halls, widows' and orphans' homes, temples and schools to be maintained and used by and for the benefit of Odd Fellows' Lodges, their widows and orphans, may use the name of the Order in connection with enterprises under the control of local jurisdictions; but the use of the names, symbols, initials or emblems of the Order in connection with any such enterprise organized for individual profit or speculation is strictly prohibited.⁵

2275. Grand Lodge and S. G. L. to determine the proper use.—It is within the power of a State Grand Lodge to which application is made for the use of the name of the Order to decide whether or not the enterprise for which such application is made comes within the legitimate uses of the Order; but the decision of such State Grand Lodge must be in pursuance of the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and especially in furtherance of the specific prohibitions and general tenor of the resolutions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Such decision must, of course, also be made subject to the revisory jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.⁶

2276. Consent of State Grand Body essential to legitimate use.—It is not lawful for an association of members to be formed and

¹ S. J., 11893, 12192, 12276.

² S. J., 15043, 15045.

³ S. J., 12677, 12709.

⁴ S. J., 12786, 13066, 13155.

⁵ S. J., 13067, 13155.

⁶ S. J., 12784, 13050, 13076.

incorporated under the civil law with the name and title of "Odd Fellows' Building Association" for the purpose of erecting a building (as an investment), said building to be known as an Odd Fellows' building, and for such association to solicit members to invest therein without first obtaining the consent of the State Grand Body and strictly complying with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, regarding insurance societies, and other laws, prohibiting the use of the name and title of the Order in private enterprises. ¹

2277. Illegal association of, unlicensed.—Any association doing business under the name of "The Odd Fellows' National Benevolent Association," unless such association is sanctioned by a State Grand Body, is an illegal association. The business transacted by that or any similar association is a "private business or enterprise" within section 2266, *supra*, and any member of the Order engaged in any such business under any such name is liable to charges and expulsion. ²

2278. Grand Body cannot adopt a scheme and compel members or subordinates to contribute.—A Grand Body cannot legally adopt a life insurance scheme and compel its members or Lodges to contribute thereto. ³

2279. Trustees of benefit associations not to be appointed by a Grand Lodge.—A State Grand Lodge may not provide in its Constitution that the trustees of fraternal benefit associations shall be appointed by such Grand Lodge. ⁴

2280. State endowment association requires no license.—The right of a State Grand Body to organize and operate through its officers, an endowment association, has not been withdrawn; and such an association does not require any certificate from the S. G. L., or other license, so long as it does not go out of its own jurisdiction. ⁵

FIRE INSURANCE.

SECTION 2281.—Lodge property must be insured.

2281. Fire insurance.—Lodge property must be insured; duties of Lodge trustees and Lodge deputies.—The laws of the Order require that the trustees of Lodges have their respective Lodge properties and effects insured. This wise provision of our law should be strictly enforced, and no brother should be permitted to hold the

¹ S. J., 12354, 13165, 13196.

² S. J., 10737, 10951, 11005.

³ S. J., 7038, 7081, 8483. (See sec. 815, *supra*.)

⁴ S. J., 14552, 14569.

⁵ S. J., 13258, 13548, 13671.

important office of trustee who is so negligent of his obligations and duties to his Lodge and the Order as to fail to protect the Lodge against loss by fire. ¹ In order to compel a strict enforcement of this law, in the commissions issued to Lodge deputies they are strictly instructed and enjoined to see to it that the respective trustees have their respective Lodge property and effects insured. ²

Trustees must cause the property of their respective Lodges to be fully insured. ³

¹ Ill. J., 1895, 173, 241.

² Ill. J., VIII., 502, 519.

³ Ill. J., VIII., 502, 519.

CHAPTER XII.

FUNERALS.

- (1.) Conducted by Subordinate Lodge.
- (2.) Conducted by Rebekah Lodge.
- (3.) Of the regalia to be worn.

CONDUCTED BY SUBORDINATE LODGE.

- SECTION 2282.—The burial of the dead the duty of every Lodge.
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- “ 2286.—Wishes of widow or relatives to be respected.
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- “ 2288.—As to funeral of distinguished private citizen not an Odd Fellow or a public officer, whether the Lodge may unite.
- “ 2289.—The forms for the ceremony as prescribed by S. G. L.
- “ 2290.—Funeral ode.

2282. The burial of the dead, duty of every Lodge.—It is the duty of every Lodge of the I. O. O. F. to see that the bodies of its unsuspended members who may die are decently and properly buried, and the members of the Lodge must be required to turn out at funerals without regard to the pecuniary standing of such members at the time of death, or whether such members were then beneficial or otherwise. And if the By-Laws so provide, the members not attending the funeral ought to be fined. The only class of persons who have connection with the Lodge that are excluded from the privilege of burial by it are the members suspended for cause and the so-called dropped members.¹

2283. Optional with N. G. as to opening and closing of the Lodge to attend a funeral.—It is not imperative upon the Noble Grand to open and close his Lodge in regular form when it is called to attend the funeral of a brother. He may do so or not.²

2284. Whether by committee or the whole Lodge.—The several State Grand Bodies may determine whether the dead can be

¹ C., 1074.

² S. J., 7735, 7831.

buried by a committee of or by the whole Lodge. Lodge cannot in a body as a Lodge attend the funeral of a deceased "Ancient Odd Fellow" and conduct the services according to the ritual of the Order.¹ Lodges may by their By-Laws provide for the burial of a brother by a committee or portion of the Lodge.²

2285. Penalty for non-attendance.—Members of a Lodge who have been summoned to attend the funeral of a brother are liable under Lodge By-Laws to penalty for non-attendance, if not present as Odd Fellows with their Lodge;³ otherwise, if present at the funeral in the ranks of another society.⁴

2286. Wish of widow or relatives, when to be respected.—Where a patriarchal member of the Order dies suddenly without expressing his preference for burial by either his Encampment or Lodge, and where both bodies desire to officiate at the funeral, the matter shall be determined by the expressed wish of the widow (should there be one) or nearest relatives.⁵

2287. Ceremony to be conducted as a rule by S. L.—In all cases funeral ceremonies shall be conducted by the Subordinate Lodge, except that in conducting the funeral ceremony of a deceased brother, a member in good standing of both a Subordinate Lodge and a Subordinate Encampment, the Lodge shall take precedence over the Encampment (except where the deceased was a Grand Officer, etc.), unless by the previously expressed desire of the deceased, his widow or near relative, the Encampment should be designated to take charge of his remains for burial; whereupon under the delegated power, from the party having legal charge of the body, the Encampment shall take precedence.⁶ It may be stated, as a general rule, that the control and management of funeral services in which Lodges, Encampments and Cantons participate should be exclusively under the regulation of Subordinate Grand Bodies.⁷

2288. As to distinguished private citizen or a civil officer.—It is inexpedient and improper for a Lodge to unite in any public expressions of regret for the death of a distinguished citizen, unless the deceased was a member of the Order. This is not construed as prohibiting the Order from uniting with civil authorities in expressions of regret for the death of a distinguished civil officer.⁸

2289. Form of funeral service.—The Book of Forms published by the S. G. L. contains forms of funeral service. They may be found also in the Journal of the S. G. L. at pages 6173, 7388, 8128,

¹ S. J., 6752, 6976, 7051.

² C., 1077.

³ C., 1078.

⁴ Ill. J., VII, 249.

⁵ S. J., 11893, 12217, 12281.

⁶ S. J., 11896, 12217, 12281.

⁷ S. J., 11010, 11033.

⁸ C., 1083.

8349. Either of these, or such selections from one or more, as may be deemed suitable to the occasion, may be used by Subordinate Lodges at their discretion. ¹

2290. Funeral Ode.—At the burial of a deceased brother, the accompanying ode may be sung while the grave is being filled.

ODE.

Words by CHARLES WOLFORD, P. G. Rep.

Air:—Bethany: "Nearer My God to Thee."

As falls the Autumn leaf,
 'Neath Winter's breath,
 So falls the son of man,
 Stricken by death.
 Father, at Thy command,
 Obedient to Thy will,
 We yield our treasures up,
 Trusting Thee still.

Brother, with saddened hearts,
 Hither we come,
 Bearing thy manly form
 To its last home.
 Pulseless the generous heart,
 Dormant the potent will,
 Nerveless the open hand,
 Nerveless and still.

When o'er thy silent grave
 Eve's shadows creep,
 Fond memory ever will
 Her vigils keep.
 Thunders may peal above,
 Storms o'er thee madly sweep,
 Yet undisturbed will be
 Thy dreamless sleep.

This Ode is not given in the Book of Forms with the funeral ceremonies. The use of it is optional. It is given in the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1888, Vol., VIII, p. 455. ²

CONDUCTED BY REBEKAH LODGE.

SECTION 2291.—Same form as is used by Sub. Lodge authorized.

" 2292.—Special form also adopted.

" 2293.—Call of Lodge to attend a Funeral.

2291. The same form as that which obtains in Sub. L. may be used.—Rebekah Lodges are authorized to use the funeral ceremony sanctioned by the S. G. L., contained in the Book of Forms, substituting the word "sister" where "brother" occurs. ³

¹ S. J., 11385, 11400.

³ S. J., 9084.

² S. J., 11389, 11401; Ill. J., VIII, p. 455.

2292. But a special form for funeral ceremony for the use of such Lodges was adopted in 1887.¹ The same is repeated in the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for that year.² It may be found in the latest edition of the Book of Forms, page 238.³

2293. Call of Lodge to attend a funeral.—The Lodge is to be called by the N. G., through the Secretary, to meet an hour before the time fixed for the funeral, if the family desires the aid and service of the Lodge. The N. G. appoints a marshal and six pall-bearers. The Lodge goes in procession to the house or church, members wearing the funeral rosette on the left shoulder, and, as far as convenient, with dress of uniform color. For further directions, see the Book of Forms or Journals designated above. The permission to use the funeral ceremony for brothers, as given in Sec. 2291, is not repealed.⁴

OF THE REGALIA.

SECTION 2294.—The regalia to be worn.

“ 2295.—The ordinary mourning badge.

“ 2296.—The usual regalia.

“ 2297.—Dispensation to wear regalia.

2294. The regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order, when attending the funeral of a deceased brother, shall be as follows: A black crape rosette, having a center of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an elective or past officer), the jewel or jewels which, as such, he may be entitled to wear.

2295. The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, shall be a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lapel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained.

2296. The usual regalia.—The several State Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges may, at their discretion, permit the usual regalia of the Order to be worn at funerals, either in connection with or as a substitute for the simple regalia above described. The G. L. of Illinois allows the usual Regalia.⁵ Sisters usually wear the rosette on the left shoulder.⁶

2297. Dispensation to wear regalia.—After the decease of a Daughter of Rebekah, the Lodge may ask the Grand Master for dispensation to wear regalia at her funeral, and he may grant permission.⁷

¹ S. J., 10983.

² Ill. J., Vol. VIII, 231.

³ See Sec. 2142, 2216, 2216a., *supra*.

⁴ Secs. 2142, 2216, 2216a, *supra*.

⁵ Sec. 1337, *supra*.

⁶ Sec. 2216, 2216a, *supra*.

⁷ C., 1082.

CHAPTER XIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- (1.) Anniversary I. O. O. F., April 26.
- (2.) Balls, parties, etc., dispensation for requisite
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- (14.) Sick benefits.
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- (16.) Duplicate charters.

ANNIVERSARY I. O. O. F., APRIL 26.

SECTION 2298.—Anniversary of the establishment of the Order.

" 2299.—Dispensation for, limited.

2298. Anniversary of the establishment of the Order.—The 26th day of April is hereby established as the anniversary of this Order, and all Grand Lodges and Encampments are requested to urge their Subordinates to observe the day in some appropriate manner,¹ and to authorize them to hold on that day public processions in regalia.²

2299. Dispensation for, requisite and limited.—A general dispensation authorizing the Subordinate Lodges to celebrate the anniversary of the Order by public exercises not contrary to the recognized laws and customs of the Order, does not authorize Lodges to have balls, festivals, etc., without first complying with the law, and obtaining a special dispensation for the purpose.³

BALLS AND PARTIES.

SECTION 2300.—Dispensation therefor, a prerequisite.

" 2301.—A masque ball may be allowed.

2300. Dispensation for, requisite.—No Subordinate or Grand Lodge, Rebekah Lodge or Assembly, Subordinate or Grand

¹ S. J., 4210, 4211.

³ S. J., 3709; G. L. B-L., Art. II,

² 7377, 7473. Secs. 275, 1047, *supra*. Sec. 7; Sec. 275, *supra*.

Encampment, or Canton, and no member of any of the above organizations of any rank or station in the same, shall hold or make any arrangement for, or manage or to any extent control any anniversary, excursion, picnic, ball or party, or entertainment of any kind, where regalia, emblems or name of the Order will be worn, assumed or used, without first obtaining the consent of the executive Grand Officer in the jurisdiction or department of the Order in which the entertainment is proposed to be held, such permission only to be predicated upon the direct promise through the officers of the Subordinate or Grand Body seeking the permission, that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be offered to the members or guests present on the occasion. ¹

2301. A masque ball held under the auspices of a Lodge is not necessarily an affair which may scandalize the Order. It would depend upon the character and surroundings of the ball. ²

BANKS.

SECTION 2302.—Banks may not be authorized.

2302. Banks may not be authorized.—A savings bank, though officered and managed by members of the Order, and established and operated for the sole purpose of doing business with the Lodge and Odd Fellows, should not use the name of the Order, and a State Grand Body has no authority or power to grant it permission so to do. ³

THE CIVIL COURTS.

SECTION 2303.—When they will not interfere with a voluntary association.

“ 2304.—Initiation fees not recoverable by suit therein.

2303. The civil courts.—The civil courts will not interfere with the enforcement of its by-laws by a purely voluntary association which is not organized for pecuniary profit. ⁴

2304. Initiation fees cannot be recovered on expulsion.—A member of a Lodge or other association not for profit cannot, on his expulsion, recover for the initiation fees voluntarily paid by him, where no fraud is practiced on him. His expulsion does not work a rescission of the contract under which such fees are paid. ⁵

ELECTIONEERING DISCOURAGED.

SECTION 2305.—The use of political methods not favored.

2305. The use of political methods of electioneering to secure office in this Grand Lodge, either by the aspirant or by his supporters is contrary to the spirit and letter of the laws of Odd Fellow-

¹ S. J., 13067, 13156.

² S. J., 12353, 12616, 12652

³ S. J., 13619, 13680.

⁴ Robinson v. Yates City Lodge.

86 Illinois Reports, 598.

⁵ *Id.*

ship; and the employment of such methods by any candidate, or by any one on his behalf with his knowledge and consent, is conclusive evidence that such brother is wholly unfit to discharge the duties of the office which he seeks. ¹

LECTURES MAY BE AUTHORIZED.

SECTION 2306.—Lectures may be authorized, but it must be by special enactment.

2307.—Subordinate Lodges may give the authority for their delivery.

2306. Must be specially authorized.—The delivery of lectures on Odd-Fellowship, either in Lodges or in public, is not consistent with the duties of brethren of the Order, unless they are authorized to act in such a capacity, by special enactment in Lodges or Encampments of the state or territory within whose jurisdiction the lectures are delivered; and all enactments of Grand or Subordinate Lodges having such an object in view should expire by limitation within some reasonable space of time. ²

2307. Subordinate Lodges may authorize the delivery of lectures on the doctrines and practices of the Order, in public or in private, for a limited time. The invitation to a brother to deliver an address to the public or to the Lodge is such authority (for him to speak) as is required. It is, in effect, an enactment expiring within a reasonable time; to-wit, when the invitation has been accepted and complied with. ³

PRINTING.

SECTION 2308.—Illinois Code 1896, 2000 copies.

“ 2309.—“Odd Fellows’ Herald” and “Illinois Odd Fellow” furnished with news by the Grand Secretary.

“ 2310.—The public press to be used and encouraged.

“ 2311.—Canvassing in the Lodge room for sale of books and papers forbidden.

“ 2312.—Treatises on Odd Fellowship, not authorized, rest on individual responsibility.

“ 2313.—The committee on printing; its appointment, powers and duties.

“ 2314.—The daily journal during the session of G. L.

“ 2315.—The annual journal.

“ 2315a.—Unfinished business.

“ 2316.—Proceedings of committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

“ 2317.—Reports of Grand Officers.

“ 2318.—Most of the printed matter of the order furnished to order, see appendix, forms, etc.

“ 2318a.—Petitions for membership and charters.

2308. Illinois Code of 1896.—Resolved, that, the Printing Committee be and is hereby empowered to have printed 2,000 copies of the said Code, by the lowest responsible bidder. ⁴

¹ Ill., VIII, 473.

² S. J., 661.

³ C., 1119.

⁴ Ill. J., 1896, 269.

2309. "Odd Fellows Herald" and "Illinois Odd Fellow."—The Grand Secretary is instructed to report promptly all items of news of the Order of general interest that come through his office to both the "Odd Fellows Herald," of Springfield, Ill., and the "Illinois Odd Fellow," of Chicago, Ill. ¹

2310. The public press to be used and encouraged—News-papers and periodicals.—It is recommended that the public press be used as a means of advancing the interests of the Order. Notices of the times and places of meeting are advised. ² A liberal encouragement to our own press by the brethren of the Order should be afforded. ³ Our Journals, the "Illinois Odd Fellow" and "Odd Fellows' Herald," are made the medium of news as to the Order, by G. L. of Illinois. ⁴ Official Organs of the S. G. L., are discontinued. ⁵

2311. Canvassing in the Lodge rooms of Illinois for the sale of books, certificates, charts and other articles is forbidden. ⁶

2312. Treatises which rest on individual responsibility.—All magazines, periodicals, or other publications (except journals of proceedings, digest, Book of Forms, and Ritual) purporting to treat upon Odd Fellowship are solely and entirely upon the responsibility of the individuals publishing and editing the same, and have no sanction or authority from the S. G. L. for anything that may appear therein. ⁷

2313. Committee on printing.—The appointment, powers and duties of the committee on printing are fully set forth, in the Sub-ordinate Constitution, ⁸ and in the several resolutions of the Grand Lodge appertaining to the printing required. ⁹ The laws as to the distribution of the journals and furnishing of supplies are set forth under the sub-title of journals and supplies. ¹⁰

2314. Daily journal.—The committee on printing was empowered in 1895 as an experiment, to make necessary preparation and contracts for a daily edition of 1,200 copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, session of 1896, at a cost not to exceed two hundred dollars, having each day's edition delivered prior to the next morning's session. ¹¹ The experiment has been continued to the session of 1897. ¹²

2315. Journal of annual proceedings.—The Grand Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and send printed copies thereof as follows: To each elective Grand Officer, five copies;

¹ Ill. J., 1896, 295.

² S. J., 4420.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Ill. J., 1896, 295.

⁵ S. J., 9797.

⁶ C., 1088.

⁷ S. J., 792.

⁸ Art. VI., Secs. 1 and 8; Sec. 250, *supra*.

⁹ Secs. 958, 959, *supra*.

¹⁰ Secs. 1305-1309, *supra*.

¹¹ Ill. J., 1895, 129, 228.

¹² Ill. J., 1896, 319, 320.

to each appointed Grand Officer, representative, committeeman and Subordinate Lodge, one copy. All matters contained in the printed journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge are declared legally and sufficiently made known and notified to the several Subordinate Lodges, from and after the date of distribution.¹ The annual proceedings are also translated into the German language for the use of German Lodges.²

2315a. Unfinished business to be printed.—Any proposition to amend the Constitution, or other resolution, final action on which is postponed until the next annual session following its introduction, shall be printed in the next annual report of the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge; and for the purpose of easy reference, with the lines of each section thereof as printed, numbered in the margin, from the beginning of each section, consecutively.³

2316. Proceedings of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.—The February, May, August and November sessions of this committee are known as the first, second, third and fourth sessions, respectively. The Grand Secretary is instructed to have printed, in circular form, the proceedings of the first, second and third sessions, and mail to all Lodges at least two copies of a report of the proceedings of the committee, thirty days after they are filed; the proceedings of the fourth session shall be printed only in the journal of annual proceedings of the current year.⁴

2317. Reports of the Grand Officers.—The reports of the Grand Officers shall be printed, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to mail a copy to each representative, prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge.⁵

2318. Most of the printed matter under the head of supplies required by the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges is to be had on order of the Grand Secretary, see Journals and Supplies.⁶

2318a. Petitions for membership and charters.—The S. G. L. permits Grand and Subordinate Bodies to print blank applications for membership, and Grand Bodies to print, or have printed, charters for Subordinates.⁷ The Grand Lodge of Illinois has published an engraved charter plate which the Grand Secretary is authorized to sell to other jurisdictions.⁸

¹ Ill. C., Art. IV, Sec. 5; C., 1040, 1041.

² Sec. 250, *supra*.

³ Ill. J., 1895, 143, 176, 241.

⁴ Ill. J., Vol. IX, 1016, 1030; 1896, 269.

⁵ Sec. 250, *supra*; Ill. J., IX, 1016, 1030.

⁶ Secs. 1305, 309, *supra*. See appendix, forms, etc.

⁷ S. J., 14683, 15045, 15086.

⁸ C., 1048; Sec. 1312, *supra*.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

SECTION 2319.—Order of arrangement of a procession.

“ 2320.—The rear, the post of honor.

“ 2321.—Those prohibited from joining the procession.

2319. The order of arrangement of a procession of the Order at a funeral is given in “The Book of Forms.” In other processions the same order is to be observed as far as practicable, and the same rules of precedence. The Encampment branch is considered more exalted than the Subordinate, and precedence is generally given to the Patriarchal Degrees. This, however, may be controlled by circumstances; as, for example, where the procession is organized under and in behalf of a single Subordinate Lodge. In this case precedence is usually given to the body under which and on whose behalf the procession is organized.¹

2320. In the procession the rear is the post of honor.—The members of lowest rank go before all others, and the past Grands are the last of the unofficial brothers; The elective officers and Noble Grand close up the Lodge rank; the corpse of the deceased brother again comes in rear of all. Hence, in assigning an Encampment a place in a procession, in which it appears as an organization, it would take precedence by coming in the rear of all Lodges. The reason of this is apparent when the effect of the countermarching is noticed; that brings those of highest rank foremost at the place of ceremony, while they are heralded on the march by those of lower rank.

So active officers are of higher rank than past officers, and go behind them; all officers (except the O. G., who is foremost of all, and the Scene Supporters, who come next after the O. G.) are placed after the Past Grands. Past Grands who have the R. P. D. are behind others; and the Past Grands are arranged in order of seniority, the seniors last. Lodges and Encampments take precedence (that is, rearward position) by seniority. If all five ranks of bodies were in procession at once, they would be in this order: (1) Lodges; (2) Encampments; (3) Grand Lodges; (4) Grand Encampments; (5) The Sovereign Grand Lodge.²

In all authorized processions of the Order, those Patriarchs entitled to a place in the procession, who may be present, clothed with prescribed uniform, shall be assigned to the place and perform the duty of an escort to the procession, and while so engaged, they shall be under the exclusive charge and direction of a chief captain and such subordinate captains as may be required; said officers shall be elected or appointed in such manner and for such time as the local laws may authorize.³

¹ S. J., 962, 1932.

² Code, 1093.

³ S. J., 6597, 6643.

Cantons shall not turn out in public for purely display purposes, with less than fifteen chevaliers, rank and file, except at funerals or by order of the Department Commander. A Canton cannot turn out as such and attend the funeral of a member of the Order, who was not a chevalier and member of its body, except by dispensation from the Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant; and acting under such dispensation, the Canton can only take part in the funeral parade as escort to the I. O. O. F. civic procession. In no instance should it perform the militant funeral and burial rites over the remains of a brother who was not a chevalier. When a Canton so parades, at the request of a Lodge or an Encampment, it, as the military escort, takes the right of line, but, through its commandant, will be under the direction of the civic marshal of the procession.¹

A Grand Representative is an officer of his State Grand Body, and in a procession organized within his state will occupy such position as the laws of such state point out for officers. If the procession is organized by the S. G. L., a Grand Representative should take position with that body, and in precedence over the officers and members of state bodies.²

2321. Persons not members of the Order or connected with it (for instance, ladies who have not the Degree of Rebekah, though in company with brothers) should not be allowed to join its public processions.³ A brother holding a withdrawal card has no right to join a procession of the Order without consent of the Lodge by which the procession is formed.⁴

SALARIES.

SECTION 2322.—Salary of Grand Master.

“ 2322a.—Salary of stenographer to Grand Master.

2322. Salary of the Grand Master fixed at \$1,000 per annum.—By the adoption of a report from the Finance Committee the salary of the Grand Master was raised from \$500 to \$1,000, due and payable monthly.⁵

2322 a. Salary of stenographer to the Grand Master fixed at \$40.00 per month.—By the adoption of another report from the same committee the salary of the stenographer to the Grand Master was increased from \$30.00 per month to \$40.00 per month.⁶

¹ Militant Code, Secs. 89, 90.

² S. J., 2214, 2264, 2327.

³ C., 1096.

⁴ S. J., 1401, 1471, 1485, 1503, 1513;
see Funeral, *supra*.

⁵ Ill. J., 1895, 158.

⁶ Ill. J., 1896, 341.

SESSIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 2323.—Sessions of the Grand Lodge and resolutions as to them.

“ 2324.—Special for conferring G. L. Degree.

“ 2325.—Per diem of representative only computed from the time of filing his credentials.

“ 2326.—Public receptions to be omitted.

“ 2327.—No fees to be charged for exemplification of ritualistic work.

2323. The annual session begins on the third Tuesday in November of each year. ¹

2324. Special sessions. G. L. Degree.—By the adoption of a report from the committee on the state of the Order it was provided, that in future Grand Masters are directed to arrange for a special session of the G. L. immediately preceding the regular session for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree, so as to enable Grand Representatives to attend the opening session of the Grand Lodge, such special session to be held without expense to the Grand Lodge. ²

2325. Per diem only from the time of filing certificates.—*Resolved*, That at the future sessions of this Grand Lodge the representatives and officers entitled to per diem shall be allowed per diem only from the time that their respective certificates of attendance are placed in the hands of the committee on mileage and per diem. ³

2326. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge all public receptions should be omitted, and that the Grand Lodge should convene and proceed to business promptly at the hour fixed by the laws of the Order. ⁴

2327. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no fees should be charged Lodges or members of the Order to see and hear the ritualistic work exemplified, and that the incoming Grand Master furnish each newly appointed official instructor with a copy of this resolution, upon his appointment as such. ⁵

PUBLIC DEDICATIONS, ENTERTAINMENTS AND EXCURSIONS.

SECTION 2328.—Forms for public dedication of halls, etc., contained in the “Book of Forms.”

“ 2329.—Pleasure excursions on Sunday not allowed.

“ 2330.—Letting Lodge room for public exhibitions not encouraged.

2328. The forms for public dedication of halls and for laying corner-stones may be found in the “Book of Forms.” The form for the 26th of April anniversary service adopted by the S. G. L. may be found in the S. J., at page 6181.

¹ Art. VII, Sec. 1, G. L. Const.
See 253, *supra*.

² Ill. J., 1894, 961.

³ Ill. J., 1896, 303.

⁴ Ill. J., VIII, 905.

⁵ Ill. J., VIII, 907.

2329. Pleasure excursions by Lodges on the Sabbath day (Sunday) are not allowed. ¹

2330. The letting of a Lodge room for public exhibitions is of doubtful expediency, but it may be done, provided the regular work of the Lodge be not thereby interfered with, nor any of its property damaged, injured or endangered. A Lodge may rent its hall for religious meetings. ²

SUMMONS AND NOTICE.

SECTION 2331.—Summons should be heeded, else prosecution for contempt.

“ 2332.—Notice essential to action affecting membership.

2331. When a brother is legally summoned to attend a meeting of the Lodge on any matter over which the Lodge has jurisdiction, he should answer the summons; failing to do so, he is liable to charge of contempt; and when charged with contempt, he should appear and answer, although he may think the Lodge has acted illegally in the premises. ³

2332. Notice essential.—In Odd Fellowship all parties must have an opportunity to be heard and present their case before a right should be denied or a penalty inflicted. ⁴

RECOMMENDATION FOR LODGE DEPUTY.

SECTION 2333.—Recommendation for by a Subordinate.

“ 2334.—Certificate of recommendation.

“ 2335.—His appointment and commission.

“ 2336.—He must not be in arrears for dues.

2333. The Grand Master usually appoints for Lodge Deputy a Past Grand, the one recommended by the Subordinate Lodge itself to him for that purpose; this practice first began in 1893. ⁵

2334. * CERTIFICATE OF RECOMMENDATION.

.....Illinois,.....1896.
NAME OF CITY. DATE.

To the Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That at a regular meeting of.....Lodge,
NAME OF LODGE HERE.

¹ C., 1121.

² C., 1103.

³ C., 622; Sec. 1904, *supra*. Sub.
Const., Art. VII, Sec. 24.

⁴ C., 122; Ill. J., 1896, 114, 335.

⁵ Ill. J., Vol. IX, 533.

No.....I. O. O. F., held on the evening of.....1896.
DATE OF MEETING.

Brother.....residing

at.....County of.....
GIVE STREET AND NO. IN CITIES. NAME OF COUNTY.

a Past Grand of said Lodge in good standing, was selected by a vote of the
 Lodge as the one whom we respectfully recommend to
 you for appointment as Lodge Deputy for said Lodge
 for the year 1896.



.....Noble Grand.

.....Secretary.

It is important that the Lodge act promptly, and that the Secretary should fill
 out this blank and forward the same to the Grand Master.

2335.

APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSION.

I. O. O. F.—Friendship, Love, Truth.

I, GEO. C. RANKIN, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd
 Fellows of the State of Illinois, to our well-beloved brother.....
Past Grand, and to whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special confidence in your knowledge and discre-
 tion, I do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, hereby appoint
 and commission you, the said.....

.....our Deputy Grand Master
 for.....Lodge, No.....
 at.....in.....County.

And as our Deputy for said Lodge you are empowered and directed to act
 as the SPECIAL AGENT of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in relation to matters
 herein specified, to-wit:

To act for the Grand Master, and by his direction to do and perform what-
 ever may have been ordered to be done and performed by the Grand Lodge of
 Illinois, in said Lodge. To act as the representative of the Grand Lodge of
 Illinois, and to do and perform all such matters relating to the Order in said
 Lodge as the Grand Master may direct. You shall obey all special instructions
 of the Grand Master in relation to anything which that officer is required to do.
 You may see to it that the Trustees of your Lodge (under direction of the Lodge)
 insure in some good insurance company the property and effects of the Lodge.

You are to act as the agent of the Grand Secretary, and obey the special
 instructions of that officer.

You have concurrent power with the Grand Master, where it does not conflict with his opinion, in granting all dispensations relating to the above-named Lodge and its work, if allowed by usage or express law, and not reserved by the Grand Master, but not otherwise. It is your duty to confer official degrees on Past Officers, to install the officers of the Lodge, or cause it to be done by a qualified Past Grand, whose authority must be in writing and presented to the Lodge upon his visiting it for installation. It is your duty to visit the Lodge at least once in each month, maintaining a general supervision over the Lodge, seeing that the work is done correctly, and that the laws of the Grand Lodge are strictly adhered to; and you must set aside any decision or action of the Lodge not in accordance therewith. It is your duty to see that the special instructions of the Grand Secretary respecting the returns of the Lodge are carefully observed and complied with.

In all cases of doubt you must consult the Grand Master, or the Grand Secretary, when the matter relates to the business of his office. You must immediately report to the Grand Secretary the regular installations of your Lodge, and at least four weeks before the annual session of the Grand Lodge you must report to the Grand Master the condition of the Lodge, and all your acts not previously reported. You are carefully to observe the laws regulating your office, and are not permitted to transcend the powers herein set forth.



This commission is to be read in the Lodge on your first visit thereto, which fact is to be entered upon the records of the Lodge. This commission is to be in force through the year 1897 (or such part of it as may remain unexpired at the date hereinbelow set forth), and until the appointment of your successor, unless it be sooner revoked by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, this 1st day of January, 1896.

By the Grand Master.

JAMES R. MILLER,
Grand Secretary.

GEO. C. RANKIN,
Grand Master.

The Lodge Deputy may be removed at pleasure, by the G. M. ¹

2336. Lodge Deputy must not be in arrears to his Lodge for dues.—Whenever a Lodge Deputy shall be more than thirteen weeks in arrears, he shall not use the password for working purposes, and for a violation hereof be subject to such penalty as the Lodge may prescribe, not in excess of suspension for one year; provided, such Deputy shall not hereby be prevented from imparting such password to the proper officer of his Lodge, as now required by law. ²

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To P. G......, Deputy of Grand Master for Lodge No..... I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: You are respectfully requested to grant to.....Lodge, No....., a dispensation allowing us

¹ Ill. Const., Art. V.

² Ill. J., Vol. IX, 138.

(Then put in what is asked for, stating reasons for the request; thus, for instance, "To elect a Third-Degree member to the office of Noble Grand, as there is no P. G. or P. V. G. free from pending charges willing to accept the office." Or thus: "To have procession with regalia on the Fourth of July next, as we have been invited by our fellow-citizens to join them in the celebration of the day.")

By order of the Lodge.



Attest { , N. G.
 { , Sec'y.

DISPENSATION.

To.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F. of Illinois:

By virtue of the authority committed to me as Deputy of the Grand Master for your Lodge, I hereby grant and allow to you, according to the tenor of your petition dated....., 18...., the same being in due form, a dispensation authorizing you

(To have proposed, reported upon, elected and initiated (or admitted by card), upon one and the same evening, Mr.....)

(To elect a Third-Degree member to the office of Noble Grand.)

(To have a procession, with regalia, at a celebration on the..... of.....next.)

Dated at....., on the.....of....., 18....
 , Deputy

SICK BENEFITS.

SECTION 2337.—The Lodge should refer all cases to the visiting committee.

" 2338.—Claim for benefits.

2337. The Lodge should refer all cases of reported sickness to the visiting committee, which may make a verbal report thereon, but it is suggested that the report should be in writing and substantially as follows:

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

To.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.,.....Ill.,..... 18..

The undersigned, your visiting committee, have examined into the reported sickness of Bro. of this Lodge and are of the opinion that he is entitled to sick benefits from to if not non-beneficiary, and do recommend the payment of same.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

2338. Claim for Benefits.—If sick benefit is refused upon this report the brother should file with the Lodge a claim as provided in Section 1495, *supra*, unless he has already done so, where-

upon the Lodge should follow the course prescribed in said section, instructing either the visiting or a special committee, appointed for the purpose, to present all evidence on behalf of the Lodge.

CONFLICTING DECISIONS.

SECTION 2339.—The latest decision obtains.

2339. Conflicting decisions.—The latest decision of the same tribunal, where decisions on the same question conflict, is recognized as the law. ¹

DUPPLICATE CHARTER.

SECTION 2340.—How to be executed.

2340. How to be executed.—All duplicate charters hereafter issued shall have subscribed thereto the name of the Grand Sire and G. C. and R. Secretary in office at the time of issue of the original Charter, and that there be set forth upon the face of the same that it is a duplicate charter, which shall be signed by the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in office at the time of the issue of such duplicate. ²

¹ S. J., 7465. 7506.

² S. J., 7718, 7760, 7832; see Sec. 974, *supra*.

APPENDIX.

- (1.) Establishment I. O. O. F. in the United States of America; Washington Lodge No. 1.
- (2.) Dispensation therefor.
- (3.) Organization of G. L. of Maryland and of the United States.
- (4.) The general act of Illinois of 1855.
- (5.) Diagram of lodge room.
- (6.) Telegraphic cipher and key.
- (7.) Officers and members of S. G. L.
- (8.) Officers and members of G. L. of Illinois.
- (9.) Officers and committees of the Rebekah State Assembly.
- (10.) Newspapers, I. O. O. F.
- (11.) The Homes,
- (12.) Forms in use.

ESTABLISHMENT OF I. O. O. F. IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 1.

This Lodge was organized April 26th, 1819, by Thomas Wildey, N. G.; John Welch, V. G.; John Duncan, John Cheatham, and Richard Rushworth, at the house of William Lupton, "Sign of the Seven Stars," Second Street, Baltimore. They assembled under a public invitation of the first named in the papers of the day, and originally intended to operate on the ancient method of self-institution.¹

But through the instrumentality of P. G. John Crowder, who visited Baltimore, from Preston, England, during the latter part of 1819, the Duke of York's Lodge, Preston, Manchester Unity (which in the general enumeration stands at present as No. 17), by virtue of powers undisputed also granted and forwarded a dispensation in form following:

¹ S. J. 41.

DISPENSATION THEREFOR.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 1.

Pluribus Unum.

“The Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of the United States of America, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, to all whom it may concern: This warrant or dispensation is a free gift from the Duke of York’s Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, holden at Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in Old England, to a number of Brothers residing in the City of Baltimore, to establish a Lodge at the house of Brother Thomas Woodward, in South Frederick Street, in the said city: Hailed by the title of No. 1 Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America. That the said Lodge, being the first established in the United States, hath power to grant a warrant or dispensation to a number of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship into any State of the Union, for the encouragement and support of Brothers of the said Order on travel or otherwise.

“And be it further observed, that the said Lodge be not removed from the house of Brother Thomas Woodward, so long as five Brothers are agreeable to hold the same.

“In testimony hereof, we have subjoined our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge this, the 1st day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.¹

JAMES MANDSLEY, G. M.

JOHN COTTAM, N. G.

GEORGE NAILOR, V. G.

JOHN ECCLES, Secretary.

JOHN WALMSLEY, P. G.

JOHN CROWDER, P. G.

W. TOPPING, P. G.

SAMUEL PEMBERTON, P. G.

GEORGE WARD, P. G.

GEORGE BELL, P. G.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

This dispensation was accepted and acted under until on February 22, 1821, when Washington Lodge No. 1 surrendered its charter and the Grand Lodge of Maryland was organized, under which it received its warrant and acted as a subordinate.²

¹ S. J. 42.² S. J. 42, 43.

THE GENERAL ACT OF ILLINOIS OF 1855.

In force Feb-
ruary 15th, 1855

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE MASONIC AND ODD FELLOWS' LODGES, DIVISIONS OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, AND OTHER BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Organization.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That any number of persons, not less than three, may voluntarily associate themselves together for either of the following purposes: To organize Masonic and Odd Fellows' Lodges, subordinate to their several Grand Lodges, and also Division of the Sons or Daughters of Temperance, or any other charitable or benevolent institutions, associations or orders.

To file certificate with County Clerk.

SEC. 2. Any such order, lodge or society that may wish to become incorporated under and by the provisions of this act, shall file in the office of the Clerk of the County Court in which said association, lodge, order or society shall be or is now organized and located, a certificate, in writing, setting forth the name of such association, the objects of the same, the place where the meetings of such society is held; which certificate shall be signed by the presiding officer of said association, the secretary and treasurer, and attested by the seal of the association; and such association, after having filed the certificate as required by this act, shall be deemed and held a body corporate and politic, and, under the name and style stated in such certificate, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity in this state, and shall have the power to contract and be contracted with, and have and use a common seal.

May hold real estate.

SEC. 3. That any such association incorporated under this Act may take by purchase, grant, devise, gift, or otherwise, any town lots, or tracts of land, and may sell and dispose of the same, and execute a deed of conveyance, signed by the presiding (officer) and secretary, and attested by the corporate seal of the association: Provided, however, that such association shall at no time hold real estate exceeding in value thirty thousand dollars.

Establish by-
laws and rules.

SEC. 4. Any such association, when organized and incorporated as aforesaid, may make and establish all such rules, by-laws and regulations necessary to carry out and enforce the objects of such association not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States.

Record to be
kept.

SEC. 5. The secretary of every such corporation shall keep a fair record of the proceedings thereof in a book provided for that purpose; and such record or copies, duly certified and attested by such secretary, with the seal of said corporation, may be read in evidence in any of the courts of law or equity of this State, where the interests of such corporation are concerned.

Hold personal
property.

Proviso.

SEC. 6. Any such corporation may acquire and possess personal property, and sell and dispose of the same: Provided, they shall not hold or possess a greater amount and value of five thousand dollars at any one time.

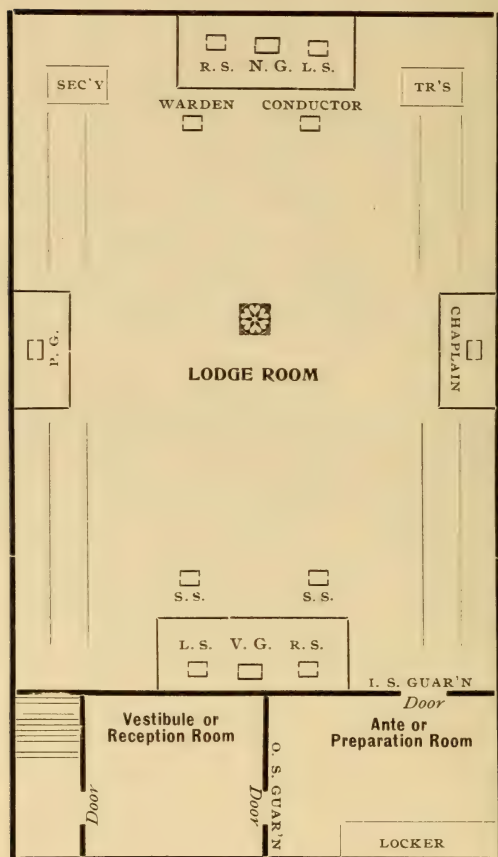
Notice to be
given of place
of meeting.

SEC. 7. If at any time the said association shall change the place of holding their regular meetings, they shall give notice of the same by filing in the office of the clerk where the said certificate is filed, a notice, in writing, of the place where their said meetings are to be held; and on failure to do so within five days after changing the same, all the privileges herein granted shall be, and they are, hereby forfeited.

SEC. 8. This act to be in force and take effect from and after its passage, and be deemed a public act.
Approved February 15, 1855.

DIAGRAM OF LODGE ROOM.

Adopted by the S. G. L. Session, 1872.



This diagram is only intended to show the position of the various officers of a Subordinate Lodge. The location of the doors, either to the Lodge room, or to the ante room, or from outside of the vestibule, cannot be determined. It is not proposed to fix definitely which side of the N. G. the Secretary and Treasurer shall sit or face, nor which side of the room the P. G. shall sit; but the Chaplain, if there be one, should sit opposite the P. G.—S. J., 5586.

TELEGRAPHIC CIPHER AND KEY.

HOUSE.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS.—Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of.....

CASH.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

RIVER.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of.....

BOAT.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for.....

WHITE.—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION.—Look out for a fraud named.....

SECRETARY.—He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL.—Member of your Lodge died here.

BLOCK.—He is a fraud, and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

RED.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and here.

GREEN.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW.—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account.

PURPLE.—We think best to bury him there.

LODGE.—Forward remains to this place by.....

REGALIA.—Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of.....

HELP.—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS. 1996-97.

OFFICERS.

FRED. CARLETON, Grand Sire.....Austin, Texas.
A. S. PINKERTON, Deputy Grand Sire.....Worcester, Massachusetts.
J. FRANK GRANT, Grand Secretary.....Baltimore, Maryland.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, Grand Treasurer.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
GEORGE COBURN, Assistant Grand Secretary.....Baltimore, Maryland.
REV. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.....Hopkinsville, Kentucky.
R. G. FLOYD, Grand Marshal.....Eureka Springs, Arkansas.
E. D. HOGE, Grand Guardian.....Salt Lake City, Utah.
C. H. LYMAN, Grand Messenger.....Columbus, Ohio.

REPRESENTATIVES.

[*Members of the next Grand Lodge.]

ILLINOIS—G. Lodge, J. Otis Humphrey, P. G. Rep.....Springfield.
G. Lodge, *E. S. Conway*,* P. G. Rep.....Oak Park.
G. Enc't, Walter E. Carlin, P. G. Rep.....Jerseyville.
G. Enc't, *W. H. Smollinger*,* P. G. P.....Galesburg.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

1. Thomas Wildey, 1825-1833.....(Died Oct. 19, 1861)..Baltimore, Md.
2. James Gettys, 1833-1835.....(" Aug. 15, 1844)..Georgetown, D. C.
3. George Keyser, 1835-1837.....(" Sept. 19, 1837)..Baltimore, Md.
4. Samuel H. Perkins, 1837-1840.....(" May 22, 1874)..Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Zenas B. Glazier, 1840-1841.....(" Nov. 11, 1858)..Wilmington, Del.
6. John A. Kennedy, 1841-1843.....(" June 20, 1873)..New York City, N. Y.
7. Howell Hopkins, 1843-1845.....(" June 5, 1858)..Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Thomas Sherlock, 1845-1847.....(" Oct. 15, 1895)..Cincinnati, O.
9. Horn R. Kneass, 1847-1849.....(" Dec. 12, 1861)..Philadelphia, Pa.
10. Robert H. Griffin, 1849-1851.....(" Dec. 14, 1855)..Savannah, Ga.
11. Wm. W. Moore, 1851-1853.....(" Dec. 23, 1886)..Washington, D. C.
12. Wilmot G. DeSaussure, 1853-1855.....(" Feb. 1, 1886)..Charleston, S. C.
13. William Ellison, 1855-1857.....(" Aug. 23, 1877)..Boston, Mass.
14. George W. Race, 1857-1858.....(" June 17, 1881)..New Orleans, La.
15. Samuel Craighead, 1858-1860.....(" Sept. 6, 1894)..Dayton, O.
16. Robert B. Boylston, 1860-1862.....(" Sept. 4, 1865)..Winnsborough, S. C.
17. James B. Nicholson, 1862-1864.....(")..Philadelphia, Pa.
18. Isaac M. Veitch, 1864-1866.....(" May 22, 1884)..St. Louis, Mo.
19. James P. Sanders, 1866-1868.....(")..Yonkers, N. Y.
20. E. D. Farnsworth, 1868-1870.....(" Mar. 29, 1893)..San Francisco, Cal.
21. Frederick D. Stuart, 1870-1872.....(" Jan. 25, 1878)..Washington, D. C.
22. Cornelius A. Logan, 1872-1874.....(")..Chicago, Ill.
23. Milton J. Durham, 1874-1876.....(")..Lexington, Ky.
24. John W. Stokes, 1876-1878.....(" Feb. 7, 1888)..Philadelphia, Pa.
25. John B. Harmon, 1878-1880.....(")..San Francisco, Cal.

PAST GRAND SIRES—*Continued.*

26. Luther J. Glenn, 1880-1882.....(" June 9, 1888)..Atlanta, Ga.
27. Erie J. Leech, 1882-1884.....(" Aug. 29, 1891)..Keokuk, Iowa.
28. Henry F. Garey, 1884-1886.....(" July 29, 1892)..Baltimore, Md.
29. John H. White, 1886-1888.....Albion, N. Y.
30. John C. Underwood, 1888-1890.....Covington, Ky.
31. Charles M. Busbee, 1890-1892.....Raleigh, N. C.
32. Cl. T. Campbell, 1892-1894.....London, Ont., Can.
33. John W. Stebbins, 1894-1896.....Rochester, N. Y.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

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| John Welch, 1825-1829..... | Maryland. |
| Thomas Scotchburn, 1829-1833..... | Maryland. |
| Robert Neilson, 1833-1835..... | Maryland. |
| John Pearce, 1835-1837..... | Pennsylvania. |
| Frederick Leise, 1837-1840..... | New York. |
| William W. Moore, 1840-1841..... | District of Columbia. |
| Horn R. Kneass, 1841-1843..... | Pennsylvania. |
| William S. Stewart, 1843-1845..... | Missouri. |
| Albert Case, 1845-1847..... | South Carolina. |
| Newell A. Thompson, 1847-1849..... | Massachusetts. |
| Asher B. Kellogg, 1849-1851..... | Michigan. |
| Herman L. Page, 1851-1853..... | Wisconsin. |
| Horace A. Manchester, 1853-1855..... | Rhode Island. |
| George W. Race, 1855-1857..... | Louisiana. |
| Timothy G. Senter, 1857-1858..... | New Hampshire. |
| Edward H. Fitzhugh, 1858-1860..... | Virginia. |
| Milton Herndon, 1860-1862..... | Indiana. |
| William H. Young, 1862-1864..... | Maryland. |
| James P. Sanders, 1864-1866..... | New York. |
| E. D. Farnsworth, 1866-1868..... | Tennessee. |
| Frederick D. Stuart, 1868-1870..... | District of Columbia. |
| Cornelius A. Logan, 1870-1872..... | Kansas. |
| Milton J. Durham, 1872-1874..... | Kentucky. |
| John W. Stokes, 1874-1876..... | Pennsylvania. |
| John B. Harmon, 1876-1878..... | California. |
| Luther J. Glenn, 1878-1880..... | Georgia. |
| Erie J. Leech, 1880-1882..... | Iowa. |
| Henry F. Garey, 1882-1884..... | Maryland. |
| John H. White, 1884-1886..... | New York. |
| John C. Underwood, 1886-1888..... | Kentucky. |
| Charles M. Busbee, 1888-1890..... | North Carolina. |
| Cl. T. Campbell, 1890-1892..... | Ontario, Canada. |
| J. W. Stebbins, 1892-1894..... | New York. |
| Fred. Carleton, 1894-1896..... | Texas. |

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F., SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

GRAND MASTERS.

DATE.	NAME.	NO.	DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1838	Samuel C. Peirce*	1	1868	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1839	Alexander Botkin*	2	1869	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1842	Eli Cook*	6	1870	Thomas B. Needles.	37
1843	Thomas J. Burns*	6	1871	John C. Smith.	17
1844	J. C. Doremus*	6	1872	Fredolin Bross.	224
1844	John L. Peake* "vacancy".	6	1873	Thomas F. Mitchell.	77
1845	Thomas Alsop*	6	1874	Elijah B. Sherman.	214
1846	Stevens S. Jones*	14	1875	John H. Oberly.	224
1847	William M. Parker.	7	1876	Amos Henderson.	4
1848	Charles H. Constable*	35	1877	John Lake.	140
1849	George W. Woodward*	17	1878	Alfred Orendorff.	465
1850	D. P. Wilbanks*	19	1879	Augustus W. Berggren.	446
1850	Isaac G. Wilson "vacancy".	47	1880	James S. Ticknor.	31
1851	Henry L. Rucker*	11	1881	Alonzo Ellwood.	105
1852	John W. Davenport*	38	1882	Columbus A. Keller.	13
1853	William Rounseville*	14	1883	James R. Miller.	426
1854	James E. Starr.	2	1884	Enos F. Phelps.	478
1855	Perry A. Armstrong.	75	1885	Andrew D. Sanders.	465
1856	Augustus C. Marsh*	36	1886	Joseph S. Carr*	430
1857	Willis Duff Green.	13	1887	George F. Howard.	664
1858	Harrison W. Griswold*	30	1888	J. Otis Humphrey.	465
1859	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57	1889	John L. Barnum.	9
1860	Jeremiah Griswold.	250	1890	R. W. S. Wheatley.	232
1861	Henry S. Austin*	109	1891	Martin W. Schaefer.	650
1862	Harman G. Reynolds*	6	1892	Edwin S. Conway.	217
1863	John G. Rogers*	22	1893	Henry A. Stone.	562
1864	Amasa S. Barry*	2	1894	Henry Phillips.	68
1865	Joseph R. Scroggs*	30	1895	C. F. Mansfield.	589
1866	Henry S. Herr.	77	1896	George C. Rankin.	160
1867	Jediah F. Alexander*	3			

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1838	Alexander Botkin*	2	1855	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1839	A. W. Chenoweth.		1856	Gustavus A. Smith*	65
1842	W. D. Mitchell "short term"	3	1857	George F. Crocker.	22
1842	Christopher G. Y. Taylor*	7	1858	Harrison W. Griswold*	30
1843	Joseph Sturgis.	7	1859	John P. Foss.	55
1844	John L. Peake*	6	1860	Joel W. Smull*	155
1844	M. F. Wickersham* "v'n'y"	6	1861	A. B. Austin*	91
1845	Henry Gooding*	3	1862	Joseph R. Scroggs*	30
1845	Stevens S. Jones*	14	1863	William W. Winter*	257
1846	Thomas Elms.	12	1864	John Lake.	31
1847	W. J. Taylor.	15	1865	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1848	Franklin Scammon*	11	1866	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1849	D. P. Wilbanks*	19	1867	Amos Watts*	37
1850	Isaac G. Wilson.	47	1868	T. Warren Floyd*	220
1851	Isaac S. Hicks*	4	1869	Thomas F. Mitchell.	77
1852	John Filkins*	9	1870	Richard H. Jordan.	214
1853	Charles P. Dunbaugh*	16	1871	Samuel A. Flagler.	233
1854	Allen C. Lewis*	22	1872	Washington L. Sweeney	18

* Deceased.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	NO.	DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1873	Albert G. Wolford*	1	1885	James H. Miller.	69
1874	W. A. Welshe*	190	1886	George F. Howard.	664
1875	Thomas M. Blake.	259	1887	J. Otis Humphrey.	465
1876	Michael W. Piggott.	406	1888	John L. Barnum.	9
1877	Augustus W. Berggren.	446	1889	R. W. S. Wheatley.	232
1878	Andrew T. Sherman.	400	1890	Martin W. Schaefer.	650
1879	Alonzo Ellwood.	105	1891	Edwin S. Conway.	217
1880	James R. Miller.	426	1892	Henry A. Stone.	562
1881	Columbus A. Keller.	13	1893	Henry Phillips.	68
1882	Enos F. Phelps.	478	1894	C. F. Mansfield.	589
1883	Andrew D. Sanders.	465	1895	George C. Rankin.	160
1884	Joseph S. Carr*.	430	1896	Cicero J. Lindley.	3

GRAND WARDENS.

1838	David P. Berry		1869	Fredolin Bross.	224
1839	David Ward.	1	1870	Charles W. Heaton.	44
1842	Michael Rapp.	4	1871	James H. Miller.	69
1843	John L. Peake*	6	1872	John H. Young.	22
1844	M. F. Wickersham*.	6	1873	Andrew T. Sherman.	400
1845	M. F. Wickersham*.	6	1874	Thomas M. Blake.	259
1846	W. M. Parker.	7	1875	James F. Drish.	260
1847	Morris Lindsay*.	6	1876	Augustus W. Berggren.	446
1848	John M. Law*.	21	1877	Robert B. Foster.	89
1849	J. J. Lescher.	24	1878	Robert K. Dewey.	3
1850	Henry A. Foster.	21	1879	Robert H. Flanigan.	284
1851	David B. Jackson*.	40	1880	Columbus A. Keller.	13
1852	John W. Shinn*.	15	1881	Enos F. Phelps.	478
1853	Albert G. Wolford*.	2	1882	W. W. Krape.	30
1854	R. Lockwood.	12	1883	David L. Murdock.	290
1855	Tyler J. Irish*.	87	1884	Swan A. Miller.	745
1856	Harrison W. Griswold*.	30	1885	George F. Howard.	664
1857	W. R. Weld*.	59	1886	John Schnitzer.	389
1858	Charles E. Winthrop*.	97	1887	John L. Barnum.	9
1859	Andrew H. Marschalk*.	241	1888	W. H. Underwood, Jr.	447
1860	Lewis W. Smith.	90	1889	Martin W. Schaefer.	650
1861	Albert G. Lull*.	22	1890	Edwin S. Conway.	217
1862	William W. Winter*.	257	1891	Henry A. Stone.	122
1863	A. J. Sprague*.	232	1892	Henry Phillips.	68
1864	Isaac W. Baldwin*.	5	1893	C. F. Mansfield.	589
1865	John A. Bush.	21	1894	George C. Rankin.	160
1866	John A. Bush.	21	1895	Cicero J. Lindley.	3
1867	W. F. Kelsch.	11	1896	M. P. Berry.	412
1868	Thomas B. Needles.	37			

GRAND SECRETARIES.

1838	Samuel L. Miller*	1	1869	Nathaniel Coffin Nason.	109
1839	Alfred Shannon.		1886	Franklin E. Huddle†.	77
1842	Thomas J. Burns*.	6	1888	George M. Adams.	400
1843	Lucien B. Adams*.	8	1892	James R. Miller.	426
1846	John F. Ruhe.	6	1893	" "	426
1847	Stephen A. Corneau*.	6	1894	" "	426
1856	Samuel Willard.	214	1895	" "	426
1862	James E. Starr.	269	1896	" "	426
1864	Samuel Willard.	214			

* Deceased.

† Expelled

GRAND TREASURERS.

DATE.	NAME.	NO.	DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1838	John M. Krum*	2	1882	James S. Ticknor	31
1839	John R. Woods*	6	1883	Thomas B. Needles	37
1842	Morris Lindsay*	6	1884	" "	37
1844	Eli Cook*	6	1885	" "	37
1844	Jotham S. Rogers*	6	1886	" "	37
1844	C. G. Sanders*	6	1887	" "	37
1845	John L. Peake*	6	1888	" "	37
1846	N. W. Matheny* "declines"	6	1889	" "	37
1846	John L. Peake "vacancy"	6	1890	" "	37
1848	Herman Blakeley	21	1891	" "	37
1848	John G. Ives "vacancy"	8	1892	" "	37
1849	John G. Ives	8	1893	" "	37
1855	James Jackson*	4	1894	" "	37
1864	James E. Starr	2	1895	" "	37
1867	Amasa S. Barry*	2	1896	" "	37
1882	Melville C. Eames	214			

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1839	Samuel Prior, "proxy"....		1850	Stephen A. Corneau,* No. 6, vice Constable, No. 20.	
1840	August's Mathiot, "proxy"		1851	Isaac G. Wilson	47
1842	James Earnest, "proxy"....		1851	Horace F. Ash*	6
1843	James Earnest, "proxy"....		1851	Wm. Rounseville,* No. 14, went vice Wilson, No. 47, Ash, No. 6, resigned	
1844	Wm. S. Stewart, "proxy"....		1852	H. L. Rucker*	11
1846	Thomas Alsop*	6	1852	Wm. Rounseville,* No. 14, vice Wilson, No. 47, but the G. L. U. S. gave the seat to Wilson, No. 47....	
1847	Stevens S. Jones*	14	1853	Isaac G. Wilson	47
1848	H. E. Roberts	19	1853	H. L. Rucker*	11
1848	William M. Parker	7	1853	H. L. Rucker*	11
1848	C. G. Y. Taylor,* No. 7, vice Parker, No. 7, resigned...				
1849	C. H. Constable*	20			
1849	John G. Potts,* No. 5, vice Roberts, No. 19, resigned				
1850	George W. Woodward*....	17			

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1854	Henry S. Austin*	109	1863	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1855	Henry S. Austin*	109	1864	John P. Foss	55
1855	William Rounseville*	14	1864	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1856	Perry A. Armstrong	75	1865	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1856	James E. Starr	2	1865	John P. Foss	55
1857	James E. Starr	2	1866	Samuel Willard	6
1857	Perry A. Armstrong	75	1866	Albert G. Lull*	22
1858	Perry A. Armstrong	75	1867	Henry S. Herr	77
1858	Augustus C. Marsh*	36	1867	Samuel Willard	6
1859	Augustus C. Marsh*	36	1868	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1859	Willis Duff Green	13	1868	Henry S. Herr	77
1860	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57	1869	Daniel L. Shorey	22
1860	John G. Potts*	5	1869	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1861	Jeremiah Griswold	250	1870	Louis Furst*	295
1861	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57	1870	Daniel L. Shorey	22
1862	Edward A. Rucker*	11	1871	Thomas B. Needles	37
1862	Jeremiah Griswold	250	1871	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1863	Jeremiah Griswold	250	1872	John C. Smith	17

* Deceased.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	NO.	DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1872	Thomas B. Needles.....	37	1885	Augustus W. Berggren.....	446
1873	Thomas B. Needles.....	37	1886	James R. Miller.....	426
1873	John C. Smith.....	17	1886	Alfred Orendorff.....	465
1874	Thomas F. Mitchell.....	77	1887	Alfred Orendorff.....	465
1874	Thomas B. Needles.....	37	1887	James R. Miller.....	426
1875	Elijah B. Sherman.....	214	1888	James R. Miller.....	426
1875	Thomas F. Mitchell.....	77	1888	Alfred Orendorff.....	465
1876	John H. Oberly.....	224	1889	Alfred Orendorff.....	465
1876	Elijah B. Sherman.....	214	1889	James R. Miller.....	426
1877	Amos Henderson.....	4	1890	James R. Miller.....	426
1877	John H. Oberly.....	224	1890	Alfred Orendorff.....	465
1878	John Lake.....	140	1891	James R. Miller.....	426
1878	Amos Henderson.....	4	1891	Alfred Orendorff.....	465
1879	Alfred Orendorff.....	465	1892	James R. Miller.....	426
1879	John Lake.....	140	1892	R. W. S. Wheatley.....	232
1880	John Lake.....	140	1893	R. W. S. Wheatley.....	232
1880	Alfred Orendorff.....	465	1893	J. Otis Humphrey.....	465
1881	Alfred Orendorff.....	465	1894	J. Otis Humphrey.....	465
1881	John Lake.....	140	1894	Edwin S. Conway.....	217
1882	John Lake.....	140	1895	Edwin S. Conway.....	217
1882	Alfred Orendorff.....	465	1895	J. Otis Humphrey.....	465
1883	Alfred Orendorff.....	465	1896	J. Otis Humphrey.....	465
1883	John Lake.....	140	1896	Edwin S. Conway.....	217
1884	Augustus W. Berggren.....	446	1897	Edwin S. Conway.....	217
1884	Alfred Orendorff.....	465	1897	J. Otis Humphrey.....	465
1885	Alfred Orendorff.....	465			

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ODD FELLOWS' HERALD.

Among the many publications which are issued in the interest of Odd Fellowship few have lived longer or accomplished more than the Odd Fellows' Herald, which has been in the fraternal field for twenty years and is now under the able management of Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary of Illinois, and his assistant, Jno. H. Sikes.

The Herald was founded by P. G. M., A. D. Sanders, now living in Virden, Ill. The first issue made its appearance on Aug. 30th, 1878.

Bro. Sanders continued its publication until the year 1883, when it was sold to the Bulletin Publishing Co., of Bloomington, Ill., and for the next eighteen months P. G. M., John. H. Oberly was its editor. In the year 1885, F. E. Huddle, afterwards Grand Secretary, took control of the Herald and continued as such until 1887, when he resigned and Geo. M. Adams assumed the editorial chair.

Bro. P. G. M., C. F. Mansfield purchased the Herald in 1892 and continued its management until 1893 when it was transferred to Bro. Owen Scott, of Bloomington, who edited and published it until the year 1894 when the present management took possession.

It is due to Bro. Sanders to state that his energy and ability put the Herald upon a safe basis, and those familiar with Fraternal Publications will appreciate the great amount of labor required.

The Herald is now a five column quarto and is issued semi-monthly from its headquarters at Springfield, Ill. The Rebekah department is under the able management of Past President of the Rebekah Assembly, sister Lizzie L. Morrison, now superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home, at Lincoln, Ill., and the Chicago department is under the editorship of Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant of Illinois, Bro. J. P. Ellacott. The Odd Fellows' Herald is one of the official organs of the Order in Illinois and has an extensive circulation, reaching every state and territory in the Union, and goes wherever the great Order of Odd Fellows is known.

ILLINOIS ODD FELLOW.

The above publication was founded in Chicago, November, 1894, by William R. Humphrey and has been continuously edited and published by him. The Questions and Answers Department is edited by Past Grand Chaplain Chas. J. Shutt; the Rebekah Department, by Mrs. Nellie L. Harris, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois; the German Department, by Past Grand Conductor Robert G. Stripp. The ILLINOIS ODD FELLOW, as an artistic journal, has few, if any, equals, and it stands in the front ranks as a fraternal paper. Each issue is beautifully illustrated and full of interest. By a unanimous vote it was made one of the official organs of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the session held in November, 1896. The day of publication is the fifteenth of each month; subscription, \$1.00 per annum in advance. Office of publication, 554 East Fifty-fifth St., Chicago. Downtown office: Room 1444, 79 Dearborn St.

THE HOMES.

HOME FOR AGED AND INDIGENT ODD FELLOWS.

On Thursday, Nov. 22, 1883, Representative W. M. Duggans, of Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, Springfield, presented to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, then in session, the following resolution:

*"Whereas, The care and support of infirm and invalid Odd Fellows is in many cases detrimental to the growth and work of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and sometimes endangering their existence; and whereas, the establishment of a home where such as require constant care and support may receive it without throwing the burden too heavily on one Lodge or Encampment, where the burden is probably least able to be borne; and whereas, a well-regulated and evenly-balanced method of care and support is preferable to the method now in vogue, of having each Lodge and Encampment doing that which it deems the best and easiest for its welfare and pleasure; and whereas, organization is the key to success in charity as well as all things; therefore be it Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this Grand Body, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the cost of a centrally located plat of ground suitable for the erection of the following buildings, to-wit: one hospital, including ward for insane, one residence building for superintendent and invalids, one school building for orphans, and such other buildings as may be deemed necessary to accompany the foregoing. This committee to report to this Grand Lodge at its next regular session."*¹

This resolution was referred to the Committee on Legislation and on the same day that committee reported as follows:

*"Your committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution offered by Representative W. M. Duggans, of No. 6, asking the appointment of a committee to ascertain the cost of a centrally located plat of ground and erection of one hospital, including ward for insane, residence for superintendent and invalids, one school building for orphans, and such other buildings as may be deemed necessary to accompany the foregoing, and report at the next annual session, would respectfully report that they have considered the matter of the said resolution and concur therein."*²

R. H. MANN,

GEORGE F. HOWARD,

M. C. EAMES,

CHAS. S. THORNTON,

J. R. MILLER."

On Nov. 18, 1884, Grand Master Miller, at the opening of the session of the G. L., reported as follows: "The committee appointed by instruction of the Grand Lodge, at its last session, to consider the matter of an Odd Fellows' Invalid Home, has been industriously at work, and, as it will present in its forthcoming report plans and recommendations for your consideration, I will offer no suggestions, but will promise a hearty support to any plan that may seem practical for the success of so worthy an object. Many valuable thoughts have been brought out by the discussion of the 'Home' which I suppose will be embodied in the report of the committee."³

The committee, consisting of W. M. Duggans and John T. Blaney, reported a plan for the establishment of the Home substantially like that which was finally adopted.⁴

¹ Ill. J., Vol. VII, 500, 501.

² Ill. J., Vol. VII, 507.

³ Ill. J., Vol. VII, 657.

⁴ Ill. J., Vol. VII, 718.

A supplementary report was made by this committee from which it appears that a special meeting of representatives of the Lodges in the State duly called, was held at Springfield, July 15, 1884, which was liberally attended and strong feeling was manifested in favor of the Home. At this meeting a committee of five was appointed, empowered and directed to procure all information possible regarding organizing, erecting and supporting such a Home; to learn the number of aged and indigent Odd Fellows in the State who would avail themselves of such a Home; the number of widows of Odd Fellows who are dependent on the charity of the Order and the number of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows dependent on charity; how much each Lodge would donate toward the construction of a home; how each Lodge would contribute annually toward the maintenance of a Home.¹

These reports, with all the papers therewith submitted, were referred to a new committee for further investigation, with direction to report at the next session which, on Nov. 18, 1885, reported as follows:

"However desirable it may be to have a Home in the State of Illinois, under the control of the Grand Lodge, for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, your committee finds, from personal conversation with many members of the Order from various portions of the State, that the time for the establishment of such a Home seems to be in the future.

"We are aware of the fact that many Lodges in the State are not able to contribute anything toward the support of a Home, because of the financial condition of the members; and should the Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, decide that a Home was an absolute necessity, it would entail a hardship and burden on many Lodges, which would result disastrously to them. The spirit of Odd-Fellowship does not contemplate anything that would tax a Lodge out of existence.

"We therefore recommend that the matter, together with the papers in the case, be referred to the incoming Grand Master, and that he be empowered to confer with the jurisdictions of Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, with a view of ascertaining the feeling in those jurisdictions on the subject of a 'Northwestern Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, Widows and Orphans,' and that he report the result of his investigations to the next session of the Grand Lodge."²

On Nov. 16th, 1886, Grand Master Sanders reported as follows:

"As instructed by the Grand Lodge I have communicated with several adjoining jurisdictions in reference to the propriety of establishing a Northwestern Home for aged and indigent brethren, but in no instance have I received any word of encouragement. There seems to be a general belief that such an institution is not needed and would be unadvisable."³

A special committee was appointed at this session to which was referred the matter of the Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows of the Northwestern States. That committee reported at the next session on Nov. 15, 1887, as follows:

"Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of the 'Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows of the Northwestern States,' have had the same under consideration and beg to report that, in their opinion, the question

¹ Ill. J., Vol. VII, 719.

² Ill. J., Vol. VII, 901.

³ Ill. J., Vol. VIII, 6.

ought to be referred to the Grand Masters of the States referred to, to-wit: Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

"We are fully convinced that a home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows ought to be established and maintained by the states jointly. We believe the same can be done at a very small expense and with very great benefit to the Order. We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this report to the Grand Masters of the states named." ¹

Considerable correspondence had taken place between the Grand Masters of Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, which was referred to the committee on the state of the Order. That committee on November 17, 1887, reported as follows:

"Your committee on the state of the Order would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in reference to referring the matter of the 'Home for the Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows for the Northwestern States,' to the Grand Masters of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, that they recommend that this Grand Lodge concurs with the Grand Lodge of Indiana and commend their action." ²

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge on November 17, 1886, Representative Gehrke, of No. 388, Chicago, offered a resolution to appoint a committee on the Odd Fellows' Home, which was referred to the committee on the state of the Order, which committee thereupon reported as follows:

"Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Gehrke, asking for the appointment of a committee of five members by this Grand Lodge, to co-operate with a similar committee from Rescue Rebekah Degree Lodge for the purpose of establishing a home for the indigent Odd Fellows, would report that this matter has been repeatedly presented and defeated and that, in the opinion of your committee, the time has not yet arrived for any such action, and we would therefore recommend that we be relieved from any further consideration of the matter."

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BARNUM,	} Committee.
ALONZO ELLWOOD,	
F. BROSS,	

On the same day, brother Adams, of No. 55, offered the following resolution:

"That the Subordinate Lodges be requested to vote on the question of erecting a home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows as also for orphans of Odd Fellows, the same to be supported by a capitation tax of the Subordinate, Lodges, said vote, pro and con, to be reported to the Grand Secretary and the result of the same to be reported to the next Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary. The vote to be taken in April, 1887, on the evening of the election of officers." ³

This resolution was referred to the committee on the state of the Order, which reported the next day as follows:

"Your committee on the resolution asking that the Subordinate Lodges be allowed to vote on the question of establishing a Home for indigent Odd Fellows and orphans, would report that in order to get a fair expression of the membership of this jurisdiction, we would recommend that the Grand Secretary

¹ Ill. J., Vol. VIII, 189.

² Ill. J., Vol. VIII, 296.

³ Ill. J., VIII, 85, 86.

said out a circular to the Lodges, asking them to vote for or against said matter to be voted on, on the night of the next election of officers."¹

The Grand Secretary reported the result of the vote taken under said authority.

"In accordance with the resolution, at page 85, and the report of the committee on the state of the Order thereon, at page 109, Journal of 1886, which was adopted, I sent out the necessary blanks with explicit instructions and a vote was taken at the March election of officers as contemplated by the resolution. The vote, while not complete, is much larger than any previously secured on this question and may, I think, be accepted as a decided expression of opinion on this subject." The following is the result:

Number of Lodges voting.....	568
Number of votes for a home, to be supported by a tax on Lodges.....	1,907
Number of votes against a home.....	6,920
Whole number of votes cast.....	8,733
Number of Lodges giving majorities for a home.....	109
Number of Lodges reporting a tie vote.....	8
Number giving majorities against a home.....	451
Number voting unanimously for a home.....	31
Number voting unanimously against a home.....	227 ²

The votes taken as to the Home for the aged and indigent, their widows and orphans, being thus adverse, all the energies of the Order in the state seemed to have been afterward directed to the establishment of the Orphans' Home, but many prominent members, among whom was brother Charles F. Mansfield, persisted in the establishment of a home for the aged and indigent.

Actuated by the spirit which prompted the report of the Grand Sire in 1894, in which the G. S. says:

"And in no department of our work has there been so decided progress as in making provisions for the aged members and orphaned children. As our Order grows older the number of our members who, from the misfortunes of age, become so dependent upon us must increase and increase rapidly. Many of them have borne the burdens of others in days gone by and have performed faithfully all the duties which the order devolves upon its members. Now in the evening of life where shall they turn for refuge and rest save to the sheltering arms of Odd Fellowship?"³

Brother Mansfield and his coadjutors renewed their work. The issue which had been decided adversely as to the right of the Grand Bodies to tax their Subordinates for the maintenance of these homes was to be reversed.

The matter of the Old Folks' Home had apparently rested—slept for nearly ten years. In 1895, a committee was authorized to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, Brother Chas. F. Mansfield, who on November 17th, 1896, again awoke all the energies of the Order in this behalf.

¹ Ill. J., VIII, p. 109.

² Ill. J., VIII, 211, 212.

³ Ill. J., IX, 924, 925.

In his report to the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Mansfield said:—

"In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge in 1895, the following committee was appointed, upon the establishment of a home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah, of Illinois: E. S. Conway, Grand Rep. of No. 217; Henry Phillips, Past Grand Master of No. 68; R. W. S. Wheatley, Past Grand Master of No. 232; W. R. Jewell, Past Grand of No. 69 and M. P. Berry, Past Grand of 412. The committee had its first session in Chicago on the 2d day of June, 1896. Upon thorough consideration of the subject, it was unanimously decided that the time was ripe for the accomplishment of this magnificent benevolence, and recommended that the Grand Master request the Lodges of Illinois to vote upon instructing their representatives to vote for the establishment of such institution.

"A circular has recently been sent to the Lodges of Illinois and partial returns have been received. The result is most gratifying. Ninety-five per cent. of the Lodges that have so far reported, are in favor of the establishment of this home. There is a pressing need for its establishment. Weak Lodges are often compelled to, and do, surrender their charters because they are unable to provide for the aged and indigent members, and nowhere can the aged and indigent be so economically and so well taken care of as in an institution such as is proposed, and I heartily recommend that the present Grand Lodge instruct the committee on the Old Folks' Home to receive bids for location, and that they be given full authority and power to locate said home and to purchase suitable land with option upon additional lands if deemed best, and that they erect thereupon, sufficient cottages to meet present demands, so that by the opening of Spring, the Old Folks' Home, will be, in Illinois, an established fact, and when the vote comes upon the establishment of this home, let it be written that there is not in the Grand Lodge of Illinois a single dissenting voice. I recommend that the Grand Treasurer be made Treasurer of the Old Folks' Home, and that all moneys to be used therefor be ordered by voucher of committee of Old Folks' Home and warrant be drawn by Grand Secretary and Grand Master therefor." ¹

This recommendation has been followed almost to the letter.

The legislation of 1892 and 1893, followed by the decision of the DeBoissiere case (see Sections 2229 to 2233, *supra*) had opened the way to the establishment of the Old Folks' Home which, as is set forth in Sections 2247 to 2454, *supra*, may be justly regarded as the crowning glory of brother Mansfield's administration as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME.

On Nov. 22, 1888, brother Chowning, of No. 204, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation, which committee reported as follows:

"Your committee on legislation would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of G. W. Chowning, of No. 204, in regard to raising of a fund for the establishment of an Orphan Home; that they have had the subject under consideration and believe it to be one worthy of the most careful attention, and would therefore recommend the report be adopted." ²

On Nov. 19, 1889, Grand Master Humphrey reported as follows: "Attention is called to the fact of the establishment of the 'Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home' as a legally organized corporation under

¹ Ill. J., 1896, 18.

² Ill. J., VIII, 514.

the laws of Illinois, a charter for same having been issued on the 7th day of September, 1889. Its officers are: President, Mrs. Lizzie L. Morrison, of Chicago; Vice President, Mrs. M. R. Cunningham, of Bloomington; Secretary, Mrs. Eva R. Withey, of Springfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Matilda Griebel, of Peoria.

"With proper encouragement this institution will furnish to the female branch of the Order an incentive to labor, which I can but believe will strengthen and multiply the Rebekah Lodges of the State. I give to this enterprise my highest approval and commendation and bespeak for it wise legislation and generous encouragement from this Grand Lodge." ¹

On Nov. 20, 1889, E. S. Conway, of No. 217, offered the following resolution :

"*Whereas*, The committee of the Rebekah Degree Lodges have secured a charter for an Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, a charity that appeals to the heart of every true Odd Fellow; and *whereas*, the sisters of the Rebekah Degree Lodges are going to proceed immediately by personal canvas to secure subscriptions for the purpose of establishing said home; and *whereas*, there is a surplus in the hands of the Grand Treasurer that belongs to a fund set apart for charitable objects, amounting to \$849.92; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said sum of \$849.92 be at once paid to the Treasurer of the 'Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home' as a donation from this Grand Lodge; and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge most heartily indorses the noble work of the Rebekah Degree Lodges." ²

These resolutions were adopted without reference.

The whole matter was, at the session of 1889, referred to the Committee on Legislation, which committee on Nov. 21, 1889, reported as follows:

"Your committee on legislation would respectfully report as follows in regard to that portion of the Grand Master's report under the heading of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home. We have duly considered the same and fully concur in the remarks made by the Grand Master. Your committee are of opinion that there is nothing that will give our Order such a position among kindred fraternal organizations of this state as a well-supported Orphans' Home and we believe it to be the duty of every Odd Fellow and Odd Fellows' Lodge in the State of Illinois to contribute liberally toward the support of an Orphans' Home; and for the purpose of permitting Subordinate Lodges to contribute to the support of the same we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, The daughters of the Rebekah of the State of Illinois have taken steps looking toward the building of an Orphans' Home for the State of Illinois, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge extend to the sisters of the Rebekah convention our hearty and sincere thanks for their efforts toward the establishment in this State of an Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, and that we wish them God speed in their noble work.

And be it further *Resolved*, that all Subordinate Lodges are hereby recommended and requested to give a generous financial encouragement to the proposed Home, and thus by their assistance enable the promoters of this charitable enterprise to carry it forward until the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home shall be an establishment and permanent institution to which the Odd Fellows of this great state can point with pride." ³

¹ Ill. J., VIII, 610

² Ill. J., VIII, 683.

³ Ill. J., VIII, 718.

On November 18, 1890, Grand Master Barnum, in his annual report, says:

"Since the last session of this Grand Body there has been much accomplished in the direction of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home. They have become chartered, have elected their trustees or directors and have made a very creditable advance in the way of raising funds for the necessary buildings and improvements. In July last the directors appointed a committee to visit the two locations, the only ones offered, viz.: at Lincoln and Shelbyville. They were cordially and hospitably entertained at both places; they were escorted in carriages by many of the leading citizens at either place. First at Lincoln, where they were shown two very desirable sites of which they could take their choice, including forty acres of rich fertile land with a cash donation already in the bank of \$10,000. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge lend all of its support and encouragement, and fully endorse the noble work thus far accomplished, and pledge its earnest encouragement and sympathy for the future." ¹

On November 17, 1891, Grand Master Wheatley reported as follows:

"We are at last invited to visit the city of Lincoln, on November 18th, 1891, on a special train from Springfield, and dedicate to the use and purpose of our Order the new and beautiful Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, now nearing completion at Lincoln, the work of sisters and brothers and the crowning glory of our jurisdiction. Illinois is second to no state in progress, energy and enterprise; our Order, in keeping with the times, has shown the world by our works and the grandeur of our institutions and our sister jurisdictions the result of an effort to obey the commands of our Order to educate our orphans. The grateful thanks of a generous Fraternity is due the sisters and brothers who have so faithfully labored to accomplish this grand purpose. I would therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge proceed in a body, on a special train, November 18, 1891, to Lincoln and there dedicate, with due and solemn ceremony, the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home." ²

Early in the session of 1891 the Rebekah State Convention, through brother Wheatley, offered the following resolution on behalf of the Rebekah State Convention:

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the Orphans' Home, now nearly completed, should be placed under the management of the Grand Lodge of the state of Illinois, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this board tenders the Orphans' Home, at Lincoln, Ill., to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to be maintained, operated and conducted by the said Grand Lodge, and upon the acceptance of the same the officers of this board are instructed and authorized to make all necessary transfers and take such action as will carry this resolution into effect." ³

(Signed) LIZZIE L. MORRISON, Pres.

(Attest) M. R. CUNNINGHAM, Sec.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge resolved as follows:

"Resolved, That the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, appoint a committee of seven members of this Grand Lodge, whose duty shall be to carefully examine the propriety of accepting the Orphans' Home, and whether the same can be used as a home for the needy Odd Fellows and their wives, and the needy widows of Odd Fellows, and report to this Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, and that the further consideration of this subject be deferred until next session of the Grand Lodge." ⁴

¹ Ill. J., VIII, 810, 811.

² Ill. J., IX, 22.

³ Ill. J., IX, 110.

⁴ Ill. J., Vol. IX., 3.

A special committee was duly appointed by the Grand Lodge, which, in accordance with the recommendation of this committee, accepted its control and management and fully provided for its establishment, as set forth in sections 2236 to 2246 inclusive, *supra*.

ORPHANS' HOME DIRECTORY.

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| J. Otis Humphrey, G. R., Springfield,
Lodge No. 465, one year. | W. R. Humphrey, Chicago, Lodge
No. 240, four years. |
| T. B. Needles, P. G. M., Nashville,
Lodge No. 37, two years. | E. S. Conway, G. R., Oak Park, Lodge
No. 217, five years. |
| J. W. Yantis, Shelbyville, Lodge No.
117, three years. | |

TRUSTEES OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME.

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| Julius H. Raible, Alton, Lodge No. 2,
one year. | Henry Phillips, P. G. M., Virginia,
Lodge No. 68, four years. |
| W. R. Jewell, Danville, Lodge No. 69,
two years. | C. F. Mansfield, P. G. M., Mansfield,
Lodge No. 589, five years. |
| R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. M., Duquoin,
Lodge No. 232, three years. | |

REBEKAH ADVISORY MEMBERS.

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| Mrs. E. M. Hayden, Galesburg, one
year. | Mrs. Jennie A. Ticknor, P. Tr., Rock-
ford, four years. |
| Mrs. Catherine Hoefer, P. Tr., Chi-
cago, two years. | Mrs. Nellie L. Harris, P. P., Chicago,
five years. |
| Mrs. John A. Reeve, Decatur, three
years. | |

FORMS IN USE.

- No. 1.—Dismissal certificate.
 “ 2.—Visiting card.
 “ 3.—Withdrawal card.
 “ 4.—Certificate for a member of a Subordinate now defunct.
 “ 5.—Certificate of election of Trustees.
 “ 6.—Certificate of election as Grand Representative, for full term.
 “ 7.—Certificate of election as Grand Representative, to fill vacancy.
 “ 8.—Certificate of attendance of Grand Representative.
 “ 9.—Petition for dispensation for festival.
 “ 10.—Warrant to special deputy to rescue effects of defunct Lodge.
 “ 11.—Dispensation for festival.
 “ 12.—Petition for Subordinate Lodge.
 “ 13.—Dispensation for Subordinate Lodge.
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 “ 15.—Report of institution by special deputy.
 “ 16.—Report of investigating committee to N. G. (secret).
 “ 17.—Petition for change of venue.
 “ 18.—Notice of appeal.
 “ 19.—Return of service by copies left.
 “ 20.—Return, service in person or personal service.
 “ 21.—Caption to decision by committee on Judiciary and Appeals.
 “ 22.—Certificate of good standing in Rebekah Lodge.
 “ 23.—Certificate of resignation of membership.
 “ 24.—Certificate of election of delegate to Rebekah State Assembly.
 “ 25.—Certificate as to passwords.
 “ 26.—Dispensation for Rebekah Lodge.
 “ 27.—Warrants of institution for Rebekah Lodge.
 “ 28.—Report of institution by special deputy.

No. 1.

DISMISSAL CERTIFICATE.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

Fraternally Greeting.

THIS CERTIFIES, that¹ was admitted to membership
 in No. ., at..... in the jurisdiction of
 on the day of, 18..., and by
 and that he retained his membership in said until the
 day of 18..., when he was suspended for non-payment
 of dues, and he is entirely dismissed from membership in said
 He had attained the Degree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and
 affixed the seal of the this day of A. D. 188...

{ SEAL }

.....

{ SEAL }

“Friendship, Love and Truth.”

THEO. A. ROSS,

Grand Secretary.

¹ After the name, the title, P. G., P. V. G., P. C. P., P. H. P., or whatever office the brother may have filled must be added.

No. 2.

VISITING CARD.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

THIS CERTIFIES, that who has attained the degree, and whose name is written on the margin of this card in his own proper hand writing is a member in good standing of No.... held in and working under a Charter duly granted by authority of the GRAND That the Constitution and By-Laws of our allow for weekly benefits the sum of dollars per week, and for funeral benefits the sum of dollars; and that Brother is entitled to the said benefits from the date of this Card, and until the expiration of the same. We therefore recommend him to your FRIENDSHIP and PROTECTION, and admission into all regular of ODD FELLOWS for the space of from this date, and no longer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

{ SEAL }

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{ SEAL }

"Friendship, Love, Truth."

THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

No. 3.

WITHDRAWAL CARD.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern:

THIS CERTIFIES, that our well beloved brother, who has attained the degree, and whose signature written by himself, is properly situated on the margin of this Card, was regularly admitted a member of our by on the day of 18... and has paid all demands against him up to this date, and is under no charge whatever. We therefore recommend him to your Friendship and Protection, and admission into any regular of ODD FELLOWS to which he may apply within one year from the date hereof.

This card is granted by No. which was duly instituted at on the day of, 18..., by authority of the GRAND of the of

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we subscribe hereto our hands and affix the seal of our this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and



Friendship, Love, Truth.

THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

No. 4. CERTIFICATE FOR A MEMBER OF A SUBORDINATE NOW DEFUNCT.

"Friendship, Love and Truth."

By authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, (Journal 1892, pp. 13, 168, 13, 197.)

THIS DOCUMENT is issued by the GRAND of

To whom it may concern, Greeting:

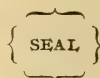
THIS CERTIFIES, that our well beloved brother whose proper signature is written on the margin of this Certificate, and who was formerly a Degree member of No., of this Jurisdiction, is free from any charge whatever. He is therefore recommended to admission into any regular of Odd Fellows to which he may apply as an ANCIENT ODD FELLOW.

This Certificate is granted by the undersigned pursuant to authority vested in them by the provisions of the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge above referred to, and other existing laws on this subject.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the Grand of this day of 189..



.....Gr.....
.....Gr.....



THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

 This certificate must be filed immediately in the office of the County Recorder.

No. 5. CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. ¹*To whom it may concern:*

THIS CERTIFIES, that on the day of the date hereof, at a regular meeting of Rebekah Lodge No. of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Illinois, located at in the County of, and being one of the Rebekah Lodges belonging to the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the following named persons were, by the said Rebekah Lodge, duly elected Trustees thereof, to continue in office as such for one year, from April 1, 18..., and until their successors are elected, to-wit:

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Given under our hands and the seal of said Rebekah Lodge,
 this day of, A. D. one
 thousand eight hundred and ninety-.....

{ SEAL }

..... Noble Grand.
 Attest..... Secretary.

INDORSEMENT.

I. O. O. F. CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF
 TRUSTEES.

..... Lodge, No.

TRUSTEES:

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
 County of }

This instrument was filed for record in the Recorder's office in said County, on the day of
, A. D. 18..., at o'clock m,
 and recorded in book of
 on page

..... Recorder.
 By Deputy.

¹ The Statute of the State requires Five Trustees to be elected.

No. 6. CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AS GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
FOR FULL TERM.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

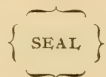
..... Illinois, 189..
..... Lodge, No.

County of

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

This is to certify that.....
Past Grand, has been duly elected Representative of this Lodge in your Grand
Body, for two years.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our hands and the Seal of our
Lodge, this day of 189..



..... N. G.

..... Secretary.

INDORSEMENT.


No.

FOR THE GRAND SECRETARY. FORWARD
WITHOUT DELAY.

..... Lodge
No.

CERTIFICATE OF REPRESENTATIVE

FOR FULL TERM.

 The Secretary of the Lodge will please not fill the
blanks in this indorsement, and will send the certificate
forthwith to the Grand Secretary immediately after the
election.

 The Grand Lodge meets on the third Tuesday of
November, annually.

NO. 7. CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AS GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
TO FILL A VACANCY.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

.....Lodge, No.
County of.....

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

This is to certify that.....
Past Grand, has been duly elected Representative of this Lodge in your Grand
Body, to fill a vacancy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our hands and the Seal of our
Lodge, this day of..... 189..



.....N, G.
.....Secretary

INDORSEMENT.

No

FOR THE GRAND SECRETARY,
FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY.


.....Lodge, No.

CERTIFICATE OF REPRESENTATIVE
TO FILL VACANCY.

The Secretary of the Lodge will please not fill the
blanks in this endorsement, and will send the certificate
forthwith to the Grand Secretary immediately after the
election.

The Grand Lodge meets on the third Tuesday of
November, annually.

No. 8. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

 Fill and sign this and return it to the committee on mileage and per diem without delay.

To the officers of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Illinois:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother, representative of
Lodge, No., located at in County, began attend-
ance this session on the day of November, 189..
DAY OF WEEK.
Distance of his Lodge from Springfield by nearest traveled route miles.

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SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE.

No. 9. PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR FESTIVAL.

Hall of Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.
....., Illinois, 18....

To the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

You are respectfully requested to grant to Lodge, No.
a dispensation allowing us to have a.....
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on the day of, 18...., using the name and regalia of
the Order. We pledge ourselves that no intoxicating beverages of any kind
shall be used or offered to members or guests on the occasion.



Done by order of the Lodge. In testimony whereof, we
hereunto set our hands and affix the seal, the day and
year above written.

We further certify that the Lodge has
been fully indemnified against any and
all loss or liability by or through the
ball, festival, or other entertainment, dis-
pensation for which is hereby applied for.

....., N. G.
....., Secretary.

No. 10.

WARRANT TO SPECIAL DEPUTY TO RESCUE EFFECTS OF DEFUNCT LODGE.

I. O. O. F.

“Friendship, Love and Truth.”

I,, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois, to our well beloved Brother, Past Grand, and to whom it may concern, Greeting:

KNOW YE, that, reposing special confidence in your knowledge and discretion, I do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, hereby appoint and commission you, the said our Special Deputy Grand Master for Lodge, No., at in County.

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As our Deputy for said Lodge, you are empowered and directed to demand and receive from the last installed officers, or from any other person or persons in whose possession the same may be found, the charter, seal, books, papers, regalia, money, and all other property of every description, belonging to said Lodge, and the same to transmit, with as little delay as practicable, to our Grand Secretary, or otherwise dispose of portions thereof in accordance with special instructions accompanying this commission or hereafter to be given.

You will make full report of your action under this commission in duplicate, forwarding one copy to the Grand Master and the other to the Grand Secretary.

This commission confers no authority to act upon any matters not herein specially committed to your charge. It is to be exhibited to the officers and members of the Lodge with whom you may have any business in the execution of your duties, and is to remain in force until the accomplishment of the purpose for which it is issued, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, this..... day of 18....

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BY THE GRAND MASTER.

.....
GRAND MASTER.

.....
GRAND SECRETARY.

No. 11.

DISPENSATION FOR FESTIVAL.

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.



Office of the Grand Master.

.....188..

To whom it may concern, greeting:

..... Lodge, No., of Illinois, having petitioned therefor, now, therefore, I,, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F., by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by the Grand Lodge aforesaid, do hereby grant this DISPENSATION to said Lodge to.....

This grant is made upon the pledges made in said petition, as required by law, and so conditioned that it is null and void, and of no force and effect as a source of immunity from the penalties of the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, in case said pledges are violated.

Witness our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, this day of 18...., and of our Order the
.....Grand Master.



GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

No. 12. PETITION FOR SUBORDINATE LODGE.

"Friendship, Love and Truth."

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois:

The Petition of the undersigned Odd Fellows of the Third Degree, holding Withdrawal Cards or Dismissal Certificates from Lodges legally recognized by your Grand Body, respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at, in the County of, and State of Illinois, to be known and hailed as.....Lodge, No.....

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a Warrant may issue in pursuance of the Laws of your Grand Body.

Dated at this day of, A. D. 18....

NAMES.	NAMES.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DIRECTIONS.

With this petition must be sent to the Grand Secretary the withdrawal cards and dismissal certificates of all petitioners, with their names properly signed on the margins, and the charter fee of \$30. A diagram showing the location of the building to be used as a hall and full information concerning it should also be sent. At least five Scarlet Degree members, holding unexpired withdrawal cards, must sign the petition, and the number who it is known will join by card, initiation, etc., in case the Lodge is instituted, should sign petition on the other side. Write the names plainly and all first names in full. Also send the name of a Past Grand of some adjacent Lodge whom you desire as instituting officer.

No. 13. DISPENSATION FOR SUBORDINATE LODGE.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

To all whom it may concern:

I,, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging:

“Friendship, Love and Truth.”

KNOW YE, That by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren,

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and their successors duly and legally elected, to constitute a Lodge in the
.....of County of and State of Illinois, to be
known and hailed by the title of Lodge, No. And I do
further authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren and
their successors, to admit and make Odd Fellows according to the ancient
usages and customs of the Order, and not contrariwise, with full power and
authority to hear and determine, all and singular, matters and things relating

to the Order, within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge, No., according to the rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. Provided, always, that the said above-named brethren and their successors, pay due respect to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and the ordinances thereof; otherwise this dispensation to be of no force or effect.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand
Lodge of the State of Illinois, at the City
of this day of
..... A. D. 18....

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BY THE GRAND MASTER.

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GRAND MASTER.

.....
GRAND SECRETARY.

No. 14.

WARRANT TO SPECIAL DEPUTY TO INSTITUTE SUBORDINATE LODGE.

I. O. O. F.

I,, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Illinois, and the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging:

To our Brother Greeting:

Reposing special confidence in your zeal and ability, I do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known, approved, and duly qualified Odd Fellows in the..... of in the County of in the State of Illincis, to open and constitute a new Lodge to be held there; and to proceed to the installation of our brother, who shall be elected Noble Grand, and the other officers of a new Lodge there to be established and constituted, to be hailed and known by the title of Lodge, No., according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Order, and not contrariwise: and make report to me of your proceedings.

This commission to remain in full force for months from the date hereof, and no longer.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand
Lodge of the State of Illinois, at the
of in the State of Illinois, this
..... day of A. D. 18..

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BY THE GRAND MASTER.

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GRAND MASTER.

.....
GRAND SECRETARY.

☞ The Special Deputy will fill the accompanying form of report in duplicate, adding anything concerning the new Lodge, its condition and prospects, which he may wish to communicate, and send one copy to the Grand Master and the other to the Grand Secretary.

No. 15 REPORT OF INSTITUTION BY SPECIAL DEPUTY.

....., 189..

*To the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois,
I. O. O. F:*

I report that on the day of, 189.., I instituted Lodge, No., at in County, according to the tenor of the Warrant, presenting the Warrant or Dispensation with the Book of Charges and Degrees, giving all necessary instructions, and installing the officers elected, to-wit:

..... N. G. V. G. Sec'y Per Sec.
..... Treasurer.

I also granted dispensations allowing the new Lodge to have proposed, elected, initiated, or admitted forthwith petitioners for membership.

I also conferred degrees upon brother to enable to be elected or appointed to offices.

The Lodge expects to meet on evening of each week.

Fraternally yours,

....., Special Deputy.

☞ Petitioners for a Charter who may be absent when the Lodge is instituted, can become members only by withdrawing their cards from the Grand Secretary and depositing them in the usual manner.—*Jour. S. G. L.*, p. 2265.

☞ The traveling expenses of the officer instituting a Lodge must be paid by the Lodge instituted.—*Jour. G. L. Ill.*, 1850, p. 73.

☞ Lodges instituted shall pay the instituting officer a reasonable compensation for his time.—*Jour. G. L. Ill.*, 1854, p. 56. But this does not apply to cases where the instituting officer lives in the same town, as he is not then allowed any compensation.—*Jour. G. L. Ill.*, 1849, p. 31.

☞ The Special Deputy has authority to grant dispensation to the new Lodge authorizing it to have proposed, elected, and initiated, or admitted on the evening of institution (or any other evening to which the Lodge may adjourn), any petitioners for membership.

☞ Charter members of a Lodge must pay to it, upon its institution, the requisite fees for deposit of cards, not less than two dollars. Fees for initiation and degrees cannot be less than fourteen dollars.—*C.* 188.

No. 16.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO N. G. (SECRET).

In

Re BRO. JAMES DOE.

To Bro., N. G.

of Lodge I. O. O. F., No.

Pursuant to appointment and instructions from you hereto attached, we, the undersigned, have fully and carefully investigated the said matter and hereby would respectfully report that the facts are said to be substantially these: (here detail them in plain narrative form);

And that in our opinion these facts would, if true, not be sufficient to supply any charges or specifications, therefore we ask to be excused from further service in the said matter.

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Dated, 189...

The facts need not be set forth unless the N. G. on consultation should ask it of the committee.

No. 17.

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE.

Also form for accused alone or prosecution as authorized by Illinois Code.

....., Illinois,, 18....

To Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:—The undersigned, three members of the Lodge, are of opinion that Bro. will not receive an impartial trial in this Lodge, and they ask of the Grand Master that he shall grant a removal of the trial to another Lodge, according to law.

(Signed)

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No. 18.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

....., 18....

To Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.:

Take notice, that the undersigned hereby appeal from the action and judgment of the Lodge in the matter of charges preferred against Bro., and assign the following as grounds of such appeal:

First.....

Second.....

Third.....

Fourth.....

(Signed)

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No. 19.

RETURN OF SERVICE BY COPIES LEFT AT USUAL PLACE OF ABODE.

To the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Hall of, Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. . .
 at, Illinois,, A. D. 189...

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that at, in the County of and State of Illinois, I, the undersigned Secretary of said Lodge, did serve the annexed citation upon A. B., the accused named therein, together with a certified copy of the specifications and charges therein mentioned under the seal of the Lodge, and that I know that the person so served was the proper one on whom to make such service. And I hereby further certify that I made such service by leaving true and correct copies thereof at his usual abode (or at his last known place of abode) with E. F., a person upward of ten years of age residing there, for said A. B., for the reason that he, the said A. B., so conceals himself that I cannot deliver the same to him in person.

C. D.,
 Secretary.

No. 20. RETURN, SERVICE IN PERSON OR PERSONAL SERVICE.

Hall of Lodge, I. O. O. F., No.
 L., Illinois,, 1891.

This is to certify that at L., in the county of, and State of Illinois, on the day of, A. D. 1891, I, the undersigned Secretary of said Lodge, did serve the citation of which the following is a true and correct copy, together with a copy of the charges and specifications, by me certified under the seal of the Lodge therein mentioned, upon the said A. B., whom I knew to be the proper person on whom to make such service, * by delivering the same to him and by leaving them with the said A. B.

[Attest.]

J. M. M., Secretary.

SERVICE BY MAIL.

(As before to the *) by depositing the same securely enclosed and sealed in an envelope, directed to A. B., at his usual (or last known) place of abode, at L., Ill., and that I prepaid the postage thereon, he, the said A. B., being absent from said county so that personal service could not be made upon him, the said defendant. (Conclude same as before).

No. 21.

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Case No.

..... } Before Committee
 vs. } on
 } Judiciary and Appeals.
 } Session.

Opinion by Bro. of No.

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No. 22.

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING IN REBEKAH LODGE.

Hall of Rebekah Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.
, Illinois,, 189...

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Sister (or Brother) is a P. N. G.
 of this Lodge in good standing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our hands and the seal of our
 Lodge this day of, 18...



..... Attest.
 N. G.
 Secretary.

No. 23. CERTIFICATE OF RESIGNATION ¹ OF MEMBERSHIP.

Hall of Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.
 At Illinois,, 18....

THIS CERTIFIES, that Bro. (insert name and rank
 as he has attained) of the degree did, upon the above date, at a reg-
 ular meeting, and while in good standing, resign his membership in this Lodge
 and in the said Order.

Attest Sec'y. N. G.

¹ Ill. C., Sec. 1786,

No. 24.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO REBEKAH STATE ASSEMBLY.

Hall of Rebekah Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Sister has earned the honors of P. N. G. in a Rebekah Lodge and has been duly elected to represent this Lodge as a delegate to the Rebekah State Assembly of Illinois I. O. O. F.

Witness our hands and seal of the Lodge this day of, 189...¹



..... N. G.
 Sec'y.

No. 25.

CERTIFICATE AS TO PASS WORDS.

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

I. O. O. F.



Office of James R. Miller, Grand Secretary.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25, 1895.

To the Lodge Deputy Grand Master for Rebekah Lodges of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

The following are the Pass-Words for Rebekah Lodges, the Annual for the year 1896, and the Semi-Annual for term commencing January 1, 1896.

ANNUAL FOR 1896: a-i-m-c-a-h-g

SEMI-ANNUAL: q-c-g-d-c

These Pass-Words are to be communicated to the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand immediately after installation.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES R. MILLER,

Grand Secretary,

P. S.—The key to these Pass-Words is pasted in the Lodge Ritual.

¹ S. J., 14009, et seq.

No. 26.

DISPENSATION FOR REBEKAH LODGE.
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

“Fail not, falter not, weary not in well doing.”

To all whom it may concern:

I,, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging: FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

KNOW YE, that by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved

BROTHERS

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AND SISTERS,

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successors duly and legally admitted, to constitute a REBEKAH LODGE, in the of and County of and State of Illinois, to be known and hailed by the title of Rebekah Lodge, No., and I do further authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brothers and sisters, and their successors, to confer the Degree of Rebekah, according to the usages and customs of the Order, and not contrariwise, with full power and authority to hear and determine, all and singular, matters and things relating to the said Degree, within the jurisdiction of the said Rebekah Lodge, No., according to the rules and regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. Provided, always, that the said above-named brothers and sisters, and their successors, pay due respect to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and the ordinances thereof, otherwise this dispensation to be of no force or effect.

{ SEAL }

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, at the City of in the State of Illinois, this day of A. D. 189....

.....
GRAND MASTER.

.....
GRAND SECRETARY.

I. O. O. F.

No. 27. WARRANT OF INSTITUTION FOR REBEKAH LODGE.

I,, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Illinois, and the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging: To our, Greeting.

Reposing special confidence in your zeal and ability, I do, by virtue of the powers and authority in me vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known, approved, and duly qualified Odd Fellows in the of in the County of in the State of Illinois, to open and constitute a Rebekah Lodge to be held there; and to proceed to the installation of our Brother or Sister, who shall be elected Noble Grand, and the other officers of said Lodge there to be established and constituted, to be hailed and known by the title of Rebekah Degree Lodge, No., according to the laws and usages of the Order, and not contrariwise, and make report to me, hereunto annexed, of your proceedings.

This Dispensation to remain in full force for months from the date hereof, and no longer.



Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, at the of in the State of Illinois, this day of A. D. 18...

.....
GRAND MASTER.

.....
GRAND SECRETARY.

No. 28. REPORT OF INSTITUTION BY SPECIAL DEPUTY.

~~The~~ The Special Deputy will fill the accompanying form of Report in duplicate, adding anything else concerning the new Lodge, its condition and prospects. One copy of the report should be forwarded without delay to the G. Master, and the other to the G. Secretary.

..... Illinois, 189...

To the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

I have the honor to report that, on the day of 18..., according to the tenor of the warrant to me intrusted, and in pursuance

of the commission issued to me as Special Deputy, I instituted
 Rebekah Lodge, No., at, in County,
 presenting the warrant, with the books of lectures and charges, giving all
 necessary instructions, and installing the officers, to-wit:

..... N. G.	..... V. G.
..... Sec. Treas.

The Lodge expects to meet on

Fraternally yours,

.....
 SPECIAL DEPUTY.

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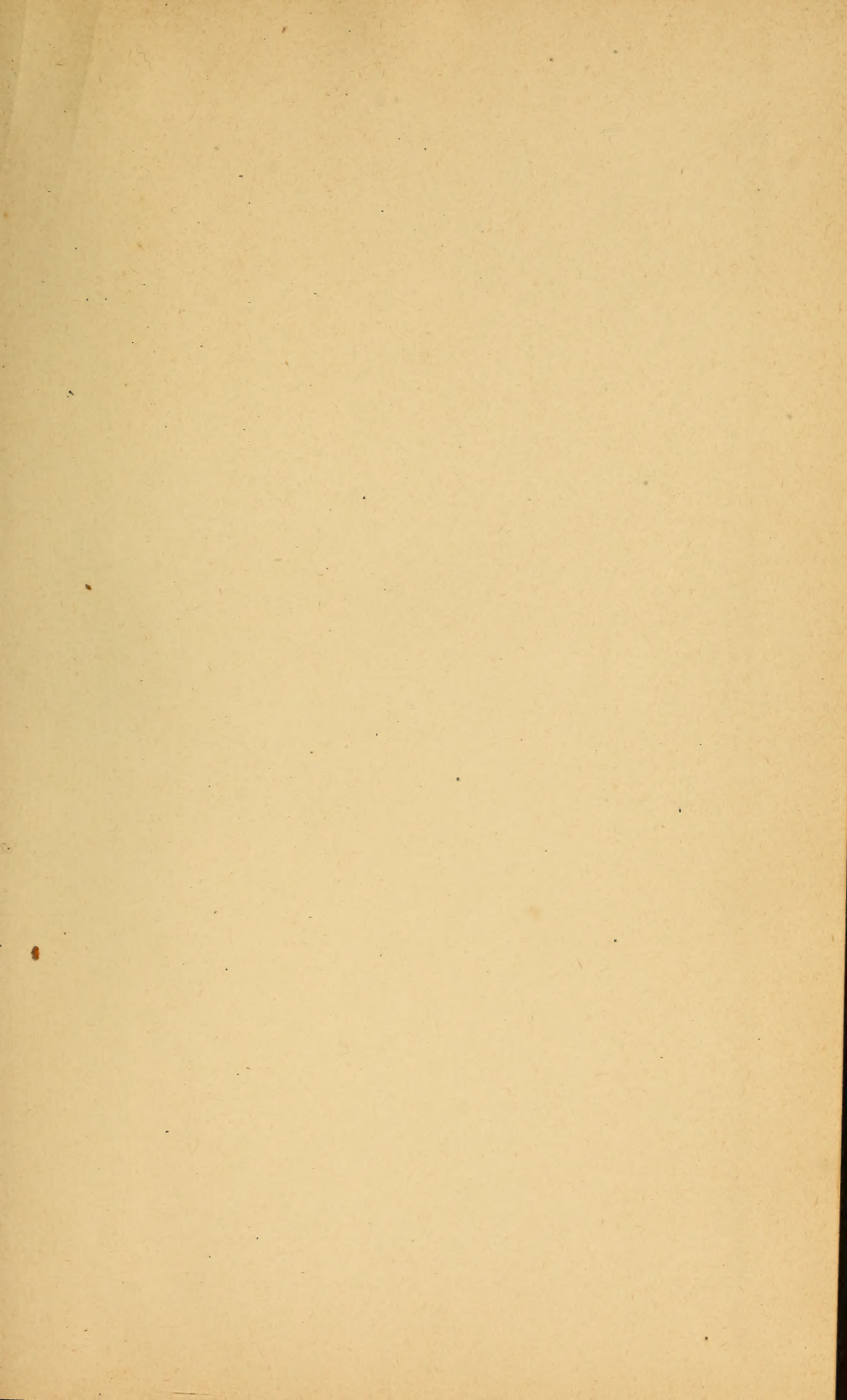
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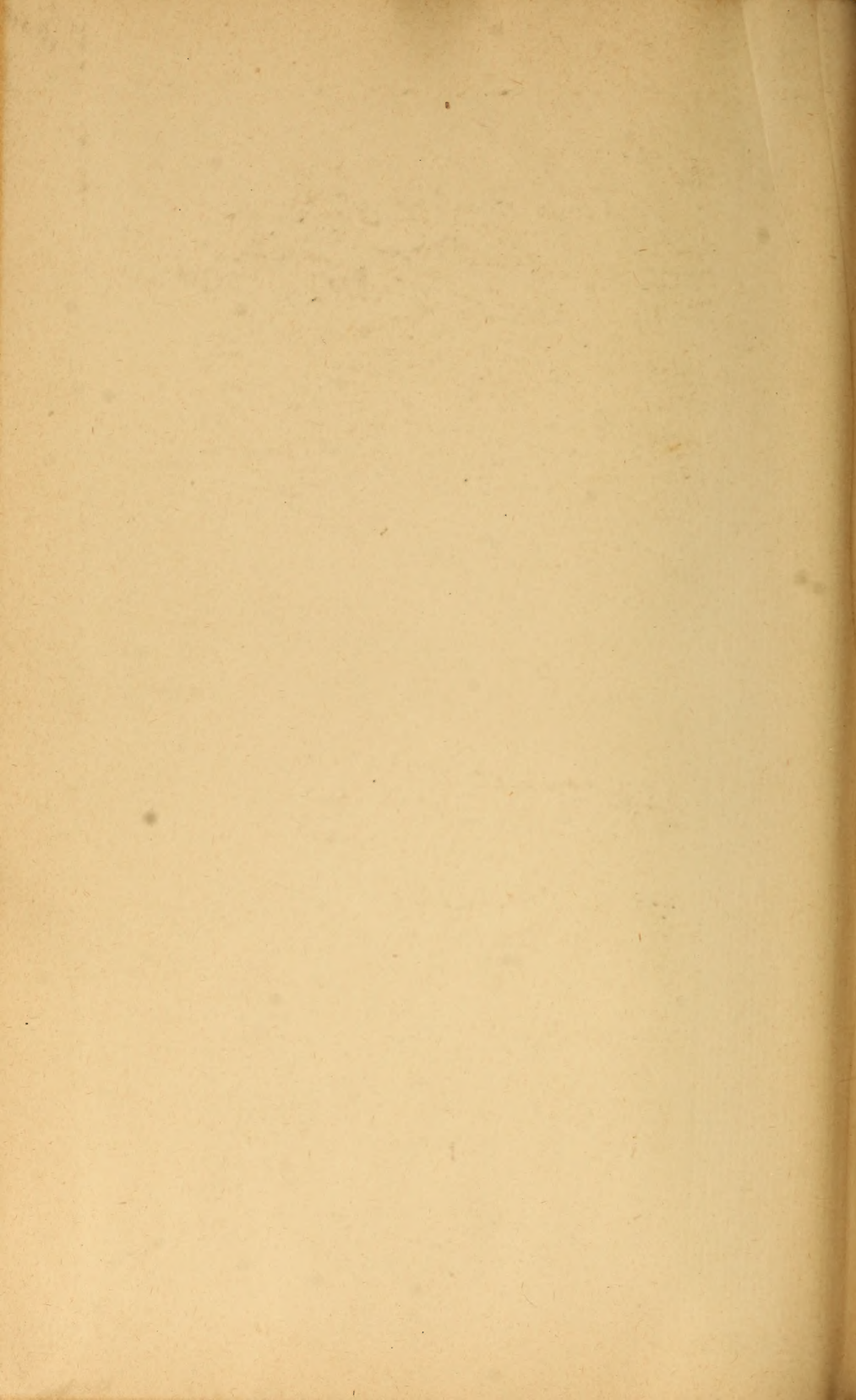
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